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UNLOADING THE BARGE, LINDSEY JETTY, CHELSEA.

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The Mayor, COUNCILLOR F. J. WELCH, J.P., **Chairman**.

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Assistant: DAVID S. YOUNG.

Metropolitan Borough of Chelsea.

Public Library.

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT, 1911-12.

IN submitting to the Council their report upon the work of the Library for the year ending March 31st, 1912, the Public Library Committee are pleased to record gradual progress in public appreciation and usefulness.

The statistics for the year show that there is a comparatively slight falling off in the aggregate number of volumes issued, the total being 232,427, as against 234,899 the previous year. The decrease is more apparent than real when it is considered that the falling off in the circulation of novels alone exceeds the total decrease by 489. The number of borrowers has increased, and books of a more solid nature are read and kept longer. This is very satisfactory in view of the fact that the population of the Borough has diminished as shown by the new census, which gives the population as 66,404, whereas it was estimated to be 75,249 in 1908.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

The work of this department increases as its value and usefulness become more recognised. The name suggests little more than a collection of directories and dictionaries, though the stock includes every class of literature useful for research, to literary workers, and especially to students. It renders considerable service in an unostentatious way to the educational institutions of the Borough and district, and, by affording opportunities for self-improvement, realises to a large extent Carlyle's saying, adopted as the motto of the Library, that "the true University of these days is a collection of Books."

The total number of volumes issued during the year was 62,116, an increase of 568 on the previous year's result, which was 61,548. Again the character of the books called for has varied somewhat, increases being shown in the classes of Philosophy (185), Religion (105), Fine Arts (573), Literature (1,128), and Miscellaneous—that is works of general reference (24), and decreases occurred in Sociology (310), Language (238), Science (486), Useful Arts (288), and History (125). Fiction is not issued in this Department. The daily average issued was 213 on week-days and 81 on Sundays, as against 206 and 84 respectively the previous year. As is customary 148 books were lent from this Department to members of the staff of the adjoining South-Western Polytechnic Institute for teaching purposes, and 33 volumes were lent to others for special work.

The stock of this Department was increased during the year by 897 volumes (including 542 received from the Executors of the late Sir Charles W. Dilke, Bart.), and now numbers 24,710 in all. The stock of the Lending Department, other than fiction, is also available for reference, and represents a total of 48,527 volumes.

Following the practice of other public libraries, it was decided in the summer to utilize some of the material hitherto treated as waste, and form a collection of selected illustrations of all kinds, other than ephemera, likely to be of service for general reference, to teachers, artists, and others in search of material of this kind. Up to the end of the year 7,155 such illustrations had been mounted on coloured paper, classified, and made available both for reference and for lending. Although the collection is comparatively small, and cannot be expected to render very effective service as yet, it has, however, justified the labour spent on it, no less than 737 items having been taken out during the few months since its formation.

LENDING DEPARTMENT.

The number of books lent for home reading is less by 3,218 than in the previous year, the total number of volumes issued being 130,495 as against 133,713 last year. The

decrease in the issue of fiction has already been referred to, though there is also a considerable falling off in the number of books lent from the children's section. The issues in the classes of Prose Fiction and Stories for Children were less than the previous year by 2,961 and 1,382 respectively. This seems to be due to the unusually fine weather which prevailed during the summer months.

The decreases in these two classes more than accounts for the whole total, though decreases were also recorded in Philosophy (47), Language (97), Science (274), Useful Arts (234), Fine Arts (93), and Miscellaneous—principally magazines in volumes (500); these were compensated for by increases in the classes of Religion (129), Sociology (245), Literature (375), and History, including Biography and Travel (1,621).

These fluctuations from year to year prove how changeable is the public taste in regard to literature, and it would seem that the demand for fiction in the public library is gradually on the wane. The percentage of fiction issued was 57.45 of the Lending Library alone, or 32.25 of the whole issue of books, the Children's Rooms excepted. These percentages were 58.28 and 39.91 last year. It is interesting to note that fifteen years ago (1896-7) the percentage of fiction issued from the Lending Library was 63.48, that ten years ago (1901-2) it was 61.40, and five years ago (1906-7) was 59.49. As already indicated, the turnover from the statistical point of view of more serious books is not as great as if fiction were taken, because such books requiring more time to read are kept longer, and the time for reading oftener extended, thus proving that large figures do not always represent the best work. The highest issue of books on any one day of a normal character was 816 on February 10th, 1912, and the lowest was 254 on August 18th, 1911, the daily average being 468.

The total number of borrowers' tickets now in force is 6,177, an increase of 14 on last year. This number includes 520 Students' Tickets and 166 tickets available for the borrowing of music only. Of the Students' Tickets issued, 106 were

allowed to Students of the South-Western Polytechnic Institute non-resident in the Borough, as compared with 139 such tickets last year, the number gradually decreasing year by year.

The total number of volumes now available for home reading is 33,248, a net increase of 1,264 during the year. There is, as may be expected in view of the large turnover, a considerable amount of wear and tear with the more popular literature, and 575 volumes were withdrawn as worn out. Of these 335 were replaced with new copies and the rest cancelled. A further 16 volumes were destroyed by the sanitary inspectors, this being a precaution taken to prevent any possibility of the spread of infectious disease by means of library books.

It is a satisfaction to note that there has not been the same trouble in obtaining the return of overdue books, 554 applications being made by post and 27 by messenger, as against 707 and 28 respectively the previous year.

CATALOGUES.

The "Quarterly List," containing a catalogue of the books added to the Lending Library each quarter, has been regularly published and greatly appreciated by the public using the Library, in some cases the whole edition of 1,500 copies being exhausted within a month. No. 31, published in January, contained a list of books in the Lending Department on "Ireland and the Home Rule Question."

A new and revised edition of the "Catalogue of Books for Children" was issued in January. This contains entries of some 3,000 carefully selected books in all classes of literature likely to appeal to the tastes of boys and girls. It has been put on sale at the price of one penny, and a copy sent to each department of the elementary schools in the Borough.

GENERAL READING ROOM.

From careful countings taken on one day (9 a.m. to 10 p.m.) in each month, and on a different day of the week on each occasion, an average is shown of 1,218 visits made daily on week days, other than Bank Holidays, during the year, and



GREAVES' LANDING STAGE, CHELSEA.

From the Painting by Walter Greaves, presented by the Rt. Hon. Lord Northcliffe.

this represents an annual total of 371,490. The average last year was 1,242. On Sundays the total attendance was 12,759, an average of 245 per Sunday, as against 11,901 and 233 the previous year. The attendance averaged 124 on the three Bank Holidays for the seven hours (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.) during which the Library was open, or 18 persons per hour, showing that the opening on those days is not appreciated.

CHILDREN'S READING ROOMS.

While the attendance in these Rooms fluctuates from time to time owing to the state of the weather and outside attractions, yet the Rooms continue to be very popular. The attendance recorded is 27,514, as against 26,866 last year, and the number of books issued increased slightly, being 39,816, as against 39,638, although the rooms were open on two evenings less than the previous year. As Table 3 shows, the bulk of the books issued consists of stories and volumes of children's magazines (as "Chums," "Boys' Own Paper," "St. Nicholas") though it is gratifying to record that nearly 10,000 volumes were books of a more useful nature, mainly used by children from the elementary schools preparing "general knowledge" lessons. It may be generally stated that there is no book placed for children's use in these Rooms that they would not be the better for reading. As has been pointed out in previous reports, the work carried out in the Children's Department forms a valuable feature of the Institution. The Rooms are open every evening in the week from 5 to 9 p.m., and the statistics show a daily average attendance of 90 throughout the year, with an average issue of 130 volumes, and this result is highly satisfactory. A limit is placed on the number of books a child may take in an evening, otherwise undue thumbing of the books for the sake of the pictures would result.

LECTURES TO CHILDREN.

The Committee have again been able to secure the voluntary services of a number of excellent lecturers, and continued the series of instructive lantern lectures to the children during the

winter months from October to March. Twelve such lectures were given, as follows:—

1911.	ATTENDANCE.
Thursday, Oct. 12th—"A Trip to the West Indies," by Mr. Victor Hamel-Smith	168
Thursday, Oct. 26th—"The Dog as the Friend of Man," by the late Mr. Arthur Nicholls (delivered by Mr. Frank Karslake)	179
Thursday, Nov. 9th—"The Heroic Deeds of Beowulf," by Mr. W. C. Berwick Sayers ..	191
Friday, Nov. 24th—"Lord Tennyson: the Man and his Poetry," by Mr. J. H. Greenwood	154
Thursday, Dec. 7th—"Through Canada by the Grand Trunk Railway," by Mr. J. Ward	198
1912.	
Thursday, Jan. 11th—"A Walk through Old London," by Mr. C. H. Hopwood	198
Wednesday, Jan. 24th—"Wonders of Pond Life," by Mr. A. J. Bride	178
Thursday, Feb. 1st—"Holidays on a Dorset Farm," by Mr. H. H. Wrench	157
Thursday, Feb. 8th—"Honolulu and the Hawaiian Islands," by Mr. F. H. Humphris, J.P.	181
Thursday, Feb. 15th—"Our Life in Norway," by Mr. R. Ford Smith, M.A.	211
Thursday, Mar. 7th—"Fairy and other Stories," by Miss E. Silsby, B.Sc.	194
Thursday, March 21st—"A Shower of Rain," by Mr. J. A. Curtis	123

This gives an average attendance of 178 per lecture, and represents about the limit of the accommodation allowed by the size of the Room where the lectures are given, though, on occasion, as the figures show, more have been crowded in. These lectures are greatly enjoyed by the children, whose conduct is, as a rule, exemplary. The Committee have from time to time expressed their thanks to the lecturers and to Mr. T. G. Cooling who regularly operates the lantern in an honorary capacity.

In view of the provisions of the Children's Act, 1908, the Committee have taken the precaution to insure against any liability under it in connection with these lectures and the use of the Children's Rooms generally.

LOCAL COLLECTION AND GIFTS.

Through the instrumentality of the late Councillor Christopher Head when Mayor, two of the best of the pictures by Walter Greaves on exhibition at the Goupil Gallery in May, 1911, were selected and purchased by Lord Northcliffe as a gift to the Borough. These have been placed in the gallery of local pictures in the Library. Illustrations of these pictures are given in this report. It may be stated in this connection that in view of the interest aroused by the discovery of Mr. Walter Greaves as an "Unknown Master," a volume of catalogues, critical notices, and pamphlets bearing upon him was formed and added to the local collection.

The late Councillor Christopher Head presented a signed proof etching of "Cheyne Walk and Chelsea Old Church," by Col. R. Goff, R.P.E., and also, by request, a framed photograph of himself in his robes as Mayor of Chelsea in continuation of the series since Chelsea became a Borough.

The first instalment of the promised gift of Mr. E. J. Horniman, announced in the last report, of the series of photographs prepared under the auspices of the Royal Commission on Historical Monuments (England), was received in February, and consists of 499 mounted photographs of various ancient buildings and places in Hertfordshire described in the Inventory of the Royal Commission. Other counties are to follow.

Miss E. H. Fairbrother presented a transcript, made by herself in the Record Office, of the greater part of documents relating to a Chancery Suit, 1776, by the widow of Nicholas Sprimont, whose husband founded the celebrated Chelsea China Works in Lawrence Street in 1750. This embodies an account of the Works and a long list of its productions.

From the Chelsea Commemoration Fund were purchased a water-colour drawing of Gough House, Chelsea, in 1828; an engraved "Survey of the Mansion House, Amphitheatre, Garden and Lands belonging to the proprietor of Ranelagh in the Parish of Chelsea, 1777"; and a sepia drawing of the Rotunda and Earl of Ranelagh's House with part of the Royal Hospital in the 18th century, by H. de Coort.

KEATS COLLECTION.

The relics of the poet John Keats were handed over to the Hampstead Public Library Committee, and the Ledger of the "Public Advertiser" to the British Museum, in accordance with the terms of the will of the late Sir Charles W. Dilke, Bart. The Keats collection mainly drew Americans to visit the library. The "Public Advertiser" volume was of local interest, as it is in the handwriting of Henry Sampson Woodfall, the publisher of the paper (whose monument is at the Old Church) and shows the increase in the sales of the paper while the Letters of Junius were appearing in it, 1769-72.

A memorial volume containing a collection of obituary notices, papers, and portraits relating to the deceased statesman was prepared and added to the Chelsea collection. Sir Charles Dilke was born in Chelsea, a life-long resident in it, and at one time Member of Parliament for the Borough.

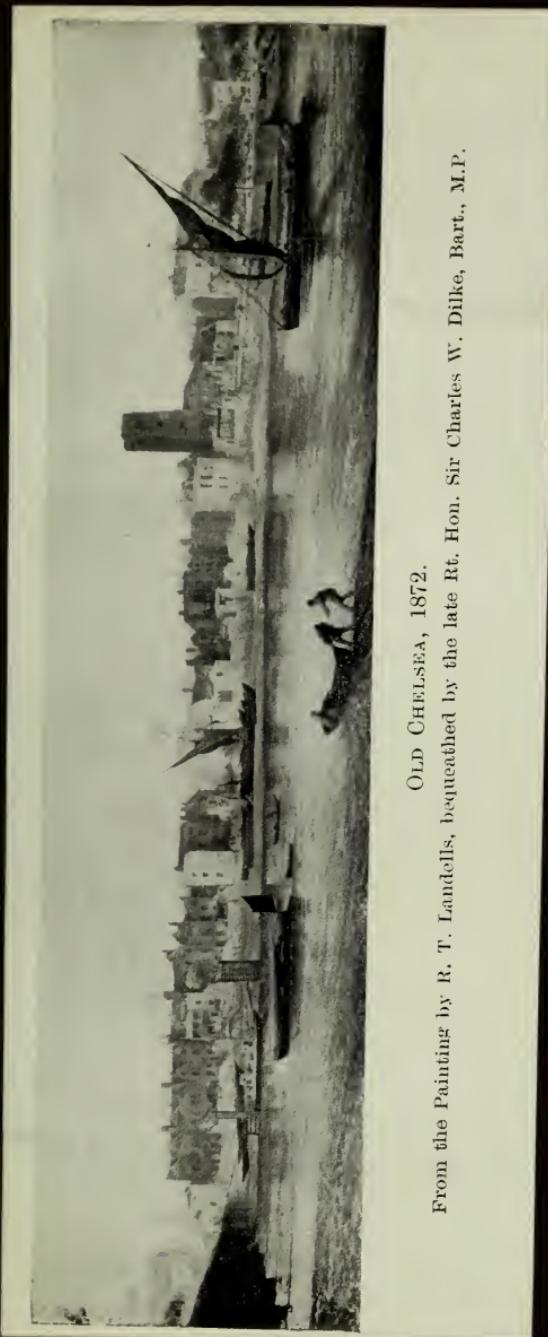
THE LATE COUNCILLOR CHRISTOPHER HEAD.

The Committee cannot close this report without placing on record their sense of the severe loss they have sustained by the tragic death, in the "Titanic" disaster, of their colleague Mr. Christopher Head, the news of which has been received while this report was in course of compilation. Mr. Head had been a valued member of the Committee since November, 1909. He took a deep interest in the work of the Library, and was a generous donor of books and pictures.

DONORS OF BOOKS.

The following is a list of persons and institutions from whom gifts of books and pamphlets were received during the year :—

Society of Incorporated Accountants and Auditors ; Mr. C. H. Allberry ; Commonwealth of Australia ; Mr. V. P. Baranovsky ; Mrs. C. E. Barrett-Lennard ; Mr. A. Blunt ; British and Foreign School Society ; British Association for Labour Legislation ; British Museum Trustees ; Brooklyn Institute ; Mr. W. Brown ; Bureau of Provincial Information, British Columbia ; Calcutta Imperial Library ; Mr. P. E. Cambray ;



OLD CHELSEA, 1852.

From the Painting by R. T. Landells, bequeathed by the late Rt. Hon. Sir Charles W. Dilke, Bart., M.P.

Canadian Emigration Officer; Canadian Government; Carlyle's House Memorial Trust; Miss Edith Carrington; Mr. George Carter; Central Unemployed Body for London; Chelsea Tradesmen's Association; City and Guilds of London Institute; City of London Corporation; Civil Service Bank, Ltd.; Col. E. T. Clifford; Co-operative Union, Ltd.; The Rt. Hon. Lord Courtney of Penwith; Mr. O. Craske; Mr. Charles Dalman; Miss F. A. G. Davidson; Mrs. C. G. Draper; Mr. Francis Druce; Prof. Hugh E. Egerton; Miss E. H. Fairbrother; Mrs. J. Forlong; Gidea Park, Ltd.; Guildhall School of Music; Dr. W. W. Hardwicke, J.P.; Mr. E. A. Harman; Harvard College Museum, U.S.A.; Mr. Christopher Head; Miss Higgins; Mr. D. Hipwell; Mr. S. J. G. Hoare, M.P.; Homeland Association; Miss J. B. Horner; Mr. E. J. Horniman, J.P.; Miss A. J. Hudson; Mr. J. J. Hultahan; Humanitarian League; International Arbitration League; International Federation of Master Cotton Spinners, &c., Associations; Miss Alice R. Keen; Messrs. C. & E. Layton; London College of Music; London County Council; London Publicity Co., Ltd.; London University Correspondence College; Messrs. W. Marchant & Co.; Mr. V. E. Marsden; Messrs. W. Mate & Sons; Mr. A. C. Mead; Metropolitan Asylums Board; Miss A. G. Molony; Mrs. Percy C. Morris; Mr. Felix Moscheles; Miss Isabel Murray; National Union of Teachers; High Commissioner for New Zealand; Dr. J. Foster Palmer; Dr. L. C. Parkes; Messrs. J. & J. Paton; Peace Society; Perth (W. Australia) Public Library; Rev. S. P. T. Prideaux; Mrs. Radcliffe; Mr. H. Robinson; Royal Colonial Institute; Royal National Lifeboat Institution; St. Catherine Press, Ltd.; Mr. V. Hamel-Smith; Messrs. W. H. Smith & Son; South-Western Polytechnic Institute; South African Railways; Mr. W. Stebbing; Tariff Reform League; Mrs. H. B. Taylor; Tonic Sol-fa College; Dr. R. H. Tribe; Trinity College of Music, London; Union Defence League; Union of Ethical Societies; Union of South Africa (High Commissioner); United Committee for the Taxation of Land Values; U.S. Bureau of Education; U.S. Library of Congress; Mr. W. V. Westervelt;

Prof. J. Westlake, K.C. ; Mr. Wm. Willett ; Messrs. J. Willing, Ltd. ; Women's Industrial Council.

NEWSPAPERS, &c., PRESENTED.

The following newspapers, periodical, &c., were presented as issued by the respective publishers or proprietors :—

Accountant, Agricultural Economist, Amateur Photographer, Anglo-Russian, Animal World, Animals' Friend, Animals' Guardian, Anti-Slavery Reporter, Anti Suffrage Review, Anti-Vivisection Review, Arbitrator, Architect, Associated Accountants' Journal, Australasian World, Band of Mercy, Bird Notes and News, Bournemouth Visitors' Directory, Britain's Opium-Harvest, British Architect, British Australasian, British Columbia Magazine, Broad Arrow, Buddhist Review, Canadian Gazette, Charity Organisation Review, Charity Record, Chelsea Parish Magazine, Chelsea Temperance Companion, Christian, Christian Globe, Church Family Newspaper, Church Gazette, Civil Service Aspirant, Civil Service Candidate, Civil Service, Civil Service Hints, Clark's Educator, Clerks of Works' Association Journal, Concord, Conservative and Unionist, Conservative and Unionist Women's Franchise Review, Contractor's Record, Contractor's Trade Journal, Commercial Review, Cook's Excursionist, Co-Partnership, Covenant People, Cowkeeper and Dairyman's Journal, Cyclists' Touring Club Gazette, Decorator, Draper's Record, Educational Record, Educational Times, Epicure, Estates Gazette, Ethical World, Ethics, Food and Cookery, Free Russia, Free Sunday Advocate, Free Trader, Friendly Leaves, Friendly Work, Fulham Chronicle, Fulham Times, Great Western Railway Magazine, Health Record, Herald of Health, Herald of the Cross, Herald of the Golden Age, Home, Humanitarian, Incorporated Accountants' Journal, India, Indian Magazine, Insurance Agent, Insurance Record, International Theosophical Chronicle, Jewish Intelligence, Journal of Decorative Art, Kensington News, Land Values, Liberal Monthly, Liberator, Licensing World, Lifeboat, Literary Guide, Local Government Chronicle, Local Government Journal, Local Government Officer, London Crusader, London County Council Gazette, L.C.C. Workmen's Trains, &c. Guide, London Observer, London Temperance Times, Lord's Day, Machinery Market, Manual Training, Maritime Review, Mechanical World, Middlesex County Times, Morley College Magazine, Motor Traction, Musical Herald, Natal Mercury, Nation in Arms, National Service Journal, New Church Magazine, Oddfellow's Magazine, Our Waifs and Strays, Parents' Review, Patents Journal, Peacemaker, Philanthropist, Pioneer of Wisdom, Pitman's Journal, Plumber and Decorator, Poor Law Officers' Journal, Positivist Review, Practical Engineer, Printers' Register, Railway Review, Representation, Return of Deaths of Seamen, Rural World, Sales and Wants, Secondary Education, The Secretary, Socialist Standard, Standard of Empire, State Correspondent, Temperance Chronicle, Theosophical Path, Theosophical Quarterly, Timber Trades Journal, Trade Protection Journal, Travel, United Empire, University Correspondent, Vaccination Inquirer, Vegetarian Messenger, Vulcan, What's On, Women's Industrial News, World Travel Gazette, Zoophilist.

Besides the above, the following persons and institutions presented the periodicals named :—

Mr. E. Chambers: Bible in the World, Bible Society Gleanings. Chelsea Temperance Society: Alliance News. Miss E. T. Down: Journal of the Royal Horticultural Society. Mrs. Elizabeth Ellis: The English Churchman. First Church of Christ, Scientist, Chelsea: Christian Science Journal, Christian Science Sentinel. Mr. Christopher Head: Fishing Gazette, Journal of the Royal Horticultural Society. Lady Scott-Moncrieff: The Common Cause. Mr. L. Moon: Emmanuel, Chelsea, Parochial Mngazine. Mr. James Stevenson, Galt, Ontario (formerly of Chelsea): various Canadian Newspapers. Mr. F. J. Welch, J.P., Mayor of Chelsea: London Teacher. Professor J. Westlake, K.C.: Economical Journal, Journal of Hellenic Studies, Bulletin de la Classe des Lettres, etc. de l'Académie Royale de Belgique. Women's Branch of the Chelsea Tariff Reform League: Empire Illustrated. Women's Social and Political Union: Votes for Women.

The Chelsea Borough Council and the London County Council have sent their Minutes of Proceedings as issued, and the railway companies supplied their time-tables. Annual reports and catalogues have been received from a number of public libraries.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

TABLE 1, SHOWING THE NUMBER OF VOLUMES ISSUED,
WITH THEIR CLASSIFICATION.

CLASS.	WEEK DAYS. Days open—279.		SUNDAYS. Days Open—31*.	
	Total vols. issued.	Daily average.	Total vols. issued.	Daily average.
Philosophy.....	534	2	53	2
Religion	2229	8	83	3
Sociology	4975	18	193	6
Language	4777	17	270	9
Science	4019	14	117	4
Useful Arts	4372	15	144	4
Fine Arts	6178	22	260	9
Literature (Poetry, Drama, Essays)	6745	24	313	10
History, Biography, Travels	17992	65	739	23
Miscellaneous (Encyclopædias, &c.)	7785	28	338	11
 TOTAL	59606	213	2510	81

* Closed May—September inclusive.

LENDING DEPARTMENT.

TABLE 2, SHOWING THE NUMBER OF VOLUMES ISSUED,
WITH THEIR CLASSIFICATION.

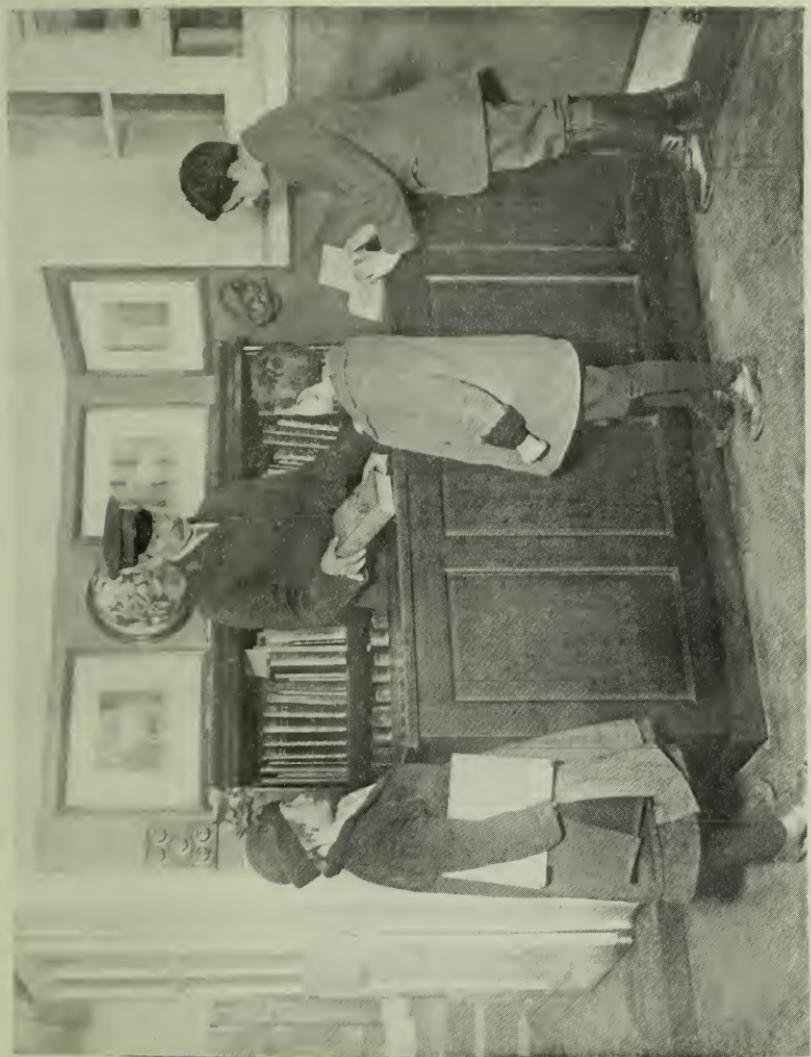
CLASS.	Days open—279.	
	Total volumes issued.	Daily average.
Philosophy	1225	4
Religion	1813	7
Sociology	2544	9
Language	369	1
Science	2690	9
Useful Arts	2444	8
Fine Arts	5361	19
Literature (Poetry, Drama, Essays)	8245	29
History, Biography, Travels.....	16112	58
Books for Children	13653	48
Prose Fiction	74971	272
Miscellaneous (Magazines, &c.) ..	1060	4
 TOTAL	130495	468

Number of Borrowers' Tickets in force—6177.

The Daily Chronicle.

IN THE CHILDREN'S ROOM.

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CHILDREN'S ROOMS.

TABLE 3, SHOWING THE NUMBER OF VOLUMES ISSUED,
WITH THEIR CLASSIFICATION.

CLASS.	WEEK DAYS. Open 305 evenings.	SUNDAYS. Open 52 evenings.	Total volumes issued.
	Volumes issued.	Volumes issued.	
Philosophy	309	8	317
Religion	16	8	24
Sociology	1402	120	1522
Language	181	11	192
Science	1076	333	1409
Useful Arts	48	24	72
Fine Arts	476	177	653
Literature (Poetry, Drama, Essays) ..	1653	502	2155
History, Biography, Travels	2761	764	3525
Stories	13356	3798	17154
Magazines and Periodicals (in vols.)	10178	2615	12793
 TOTAL	31456	8360	39816

Total attendances for the year—27514.

READING ROOMS.

TABLE 4, SHOWING THE NUMBER OF PERSONS ENTERING
THE ROOMS ON THE DAYS NAMED.

1911.

			Total.
Saturday, April 22nd	(9 a.m. to 10 p.m.)	.. ..	1000
Monday, May 15th	( , , )	.. ..	1124
Tuesday, June 27th	( , , )	.. ..	1089
Wednesday, July 5th	(9 a.m. to 2 p.m., 5 to 10 p.m.)		777
Thursday, August 24th	(9 a.m. to 10 p.m.)	.. ..	1184
Friday, September 15th	( , , )	.. ..	1295
Saturday, October 21st	( , , )	.. ..	1240
Monday, November 20th	( , , )	.. ..	1547
Tuesday, December 12th	( , , )	.. ..	1308
1912.			
Wednesday, January 17th	(9 a.m. to 2 p.m., 5 to 10 p.m.)		1050
Thursday, February 22nd	(9 a.m. to 10 p.m.)	.. ..	1546
Friday, March 15th	( , , )	.. ..	1523

1911.

BANK HOLIDAYS.

Easter Monday, April 17th	(9 a.m. to 4 p.m.)..	144
Whit Monday, June 5th	(, ,)..	116
First Monday in August, August 7th	(, ,)..	112

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE.

The Reading Rooms were open on 52 Sundays, the total attendance being 12759, giving an average of 245 per Sunday (Oct.—June, 3 to 9 p.m., July—Sept., 6 to 9 p.m.).

TABLE 5, SHOWING THE CLASSIFICATION AND NUMBER OF VOLUMES ISSUED IN ALL DEPARTMENTS.

CLASS.	Reference Library.	Lending Library.	Children's Rooms.	Total.	Per cent.
Philosophy	587	1225	317	2129	.92
Religion	2312	1813	24	4149	1.80
Sociology	5168	2544	1522	9234	3.97
Language	5047	369	192	5608	2.41
Science	4136	2690	1409	8235	3.54
Useful Arts	4516	2444	72	7032	3.03
Fine Arts	6438	5361	653	12452	5.36
Literature (Poetry, Drama, Essays)	7058	8245	2155	17458	7.51
History, Biography, Travels	18731	16112	3525	38368	16.51
Stories for Children	—	18653	17154	30.07	13.25
Prose Fiction	—	74979	—	74979	32.25
Miscellaneous (Magazines, Encyclopædias, &c.) ..	8123	1060	12793	21976	9.45
TOTAL.....	62116	130495	39816	232427	100.00

TABLE 6, SHOWING THE TOTAL ANNUAL ISSUE OF VOLUMES SINCE THE OPENING OF THE LIBRARY.

Jan. 23rd—May, 1891	..	..	..	45,905
1891-92	..	..	..	157,693
1892-93	..	..	..	168,623
1893-94	..	..	..	179,456
1894-95	..	..	..	180,016
1895-96	..	..	..	170,834
1896-97	..	..	..	171,298
1897-98	..	..	..	168,853
1898-99	..	..	..	171,585
1899-1900	..	..	..	170,522
1900-1 (June 1st—March 31st)	..	..	..	159,92
1901-2	..	..	..	184,656
1902-3	..	..	..	211,611
1903-4	..	..	..	216,590
1904-5	..	..	..	198,257
1905-6	..	..	..	208,188
1906-7	..	..	..	223,079
1907-8	..	..	..	226,836
1908-9	..	..	..	239,950
1909-10	..	..	..	250,549
1910-11	..	..	..	234,899
1911-12	..	..	..	232,427
TOTAL	..	..	..	4,171,719

TABLE 7, SHOWING THE CLASSIFICATION OF THE STOCK OF BOOKS BY DEPARTMENTS.

CLASS.		Reference	Lending.	Children's Rooms.	Total volumes in Library, 31st Mar., 1912.	Per cent.
Philosophy	..	271	786	6	1063	1.80
Religion	..	1325	1950	29	3304	5.59
Sociology	..	2706	2181	12	4899	8.28
Language	..	270	320	19	609	1.03
Science	..	1755	1752	94	3601	6.09
Useful Arts	..	1719	1301	20	3040	5.14
Fine Arts	..	2319	1898	9	4226	7.14
Literature (Poetry, Draina, Essays)	..	2057	3504	78	5639	9.53
History, Biography, Travels	..	8794	9291	168	18253	30.86
Stories for Children	..	—	2461	586	3047	5.14
Prose Fiction	..	—	6970	—	6970	11.79
Miscellaneous (Encyclopaedias, Magazines, &c.)	..	3494	834	173	4501	7.61
TOTAL	..	24710	33248	1194	59152	100.00

FINANCIAL

Sums received and expended

	RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance from 1910-11	678	17	8			
From Rates (allocated to Public Libraries Account)		3580	4	3			
Fines and Penalties	85	7	11			
Other Receipts :—							
Sale of Catalogues	10	8	10			
Sale of Tickets	25	16	0			
Sale of Waste Paper, &c.	13	13	8			
Bank Interest	15	14	0			
					151	0	5

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	£	s.	d.
Balance from 1910-11	104	1	2
Bank Interest	2	12	4
	£106	13	6

STATEMENT.

under the Public Libraries Acts.

	EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Buildings, Repairs and Maintenance :—							
Building and furniture repairs and improvements	297	3	3½			
Cleaning, fuel and lighting	207	3	8½			
					504	7	0
Books, Newspapers, &c.	...	803	9	4			
Bookbinding and repairs	...	92	6	9			
Printing catalogues	75	11	0			
					971	17	1
Salaries of Officers and Assistants					1422	0 0
Establishment Charges, viz. :—							
Rates and taxes, insurance	66	9	0			
Stationery and printing	63	7	1½			
Carriage, postage, &c.	19	14	5			
Uniform clothing	9	3	0			
					158	13	6½
Annual Payment to Paddington Borough Council under Financial Adjustment Scheme					300	0 0
Repayment of Loans and Interest on Loans :—							
Principal repaid :—							
To the London County Council	427	12	4			
Interest, including Income Tax :—							
To the London County Council	152	8	8			
					580	1	0
Total Expenditure					8936	8 7½
Balance at the end of the year					473	13 8½
						£4410	2 4

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Henrietta Yates, £100).

	£	s.	d.
Purchase of Chelsea Pictures	1	7 6
Balance	105	6 0
	£106	13	6

J. HENRY QUINN,

Clerk to the Public Libraries Committee.

(This statement, when audited, will be embodied in the "Abstract of the Treasurer's Accounts," 1911-12.)

Memoranda.

Population of the Borough of Chelsea, Census 1911	...	...	...	66,404
Area of the Borough	...	...	...	659.6 acres
Rateable Value of the Borough	...	...	...	£908,079
Public Libraries Acts adopted	...	...	...	May, 1887
First Commissioners for Public Libraries appointed	...	...	...	June, 1887
Temporary Library opened in Town Hall	...	...	...	Nov., 1887
Librarian appointed	...	...	...	Nov., 1887
The Earl Cadogan, K.G., gave the free- hold site for the Library and £350 for the purchase of technical books	...	...	...	Feb., 1888
Charity Commissioners received Deputa- tion organised by the Chelsea Libra- ries Commissioners asking for the establishment of the South-Western Polytechnic, 30th April, 1888, and agreed to the establishment of the Polytechnic	...	...	...	10th May, 1888
The late Rt. Hon. Sir Charles W. Dilke, Bart., M.P., gave £500 for the purchase of books	...	...	...	May, 1888
Memorial stone of the Library laid by the late Countess Cadogan	...	...	...	8th Feb., 1890
Library opened by the Earl Cadogan, K.G.	...	...	...	21st Jan., 1891
Queen Victoria Gallery of Chelsea Prints and Drawings opened	...	...	...	4th Dec., 1899
Public Libraries Commissioners' duties transferred to the Boroughs of Chel- sea and Paddington, and the Kensal Town Branch Library transferred to Paddington	...	...	...	1st April, 1901
Bequest by Mrs. Henrietta Yates, of Penhurst, of £100 and art objects	...	...	...	Sept., 1904
Number of Volumes in the Library	...	...	...	59,152
Number of Volumes issued 1911-12	232,427
Total number issued since opening	4,171,719

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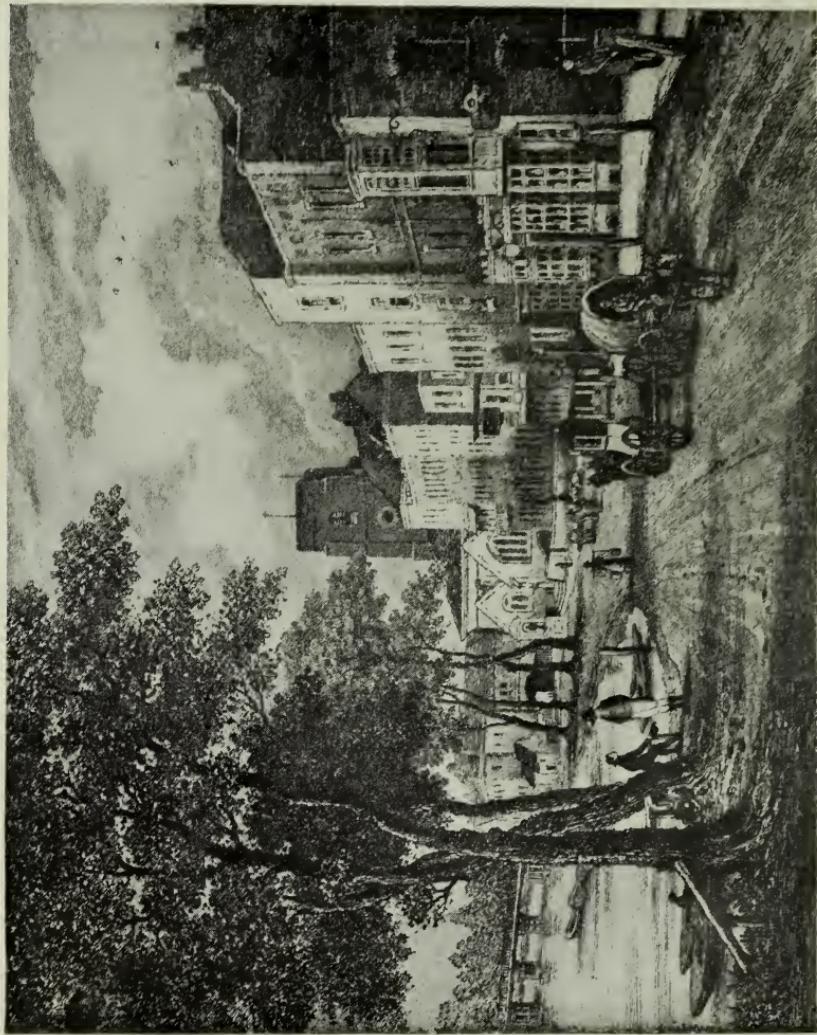
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THE OLD CHURCH AND CHEYNE WALK IN 1817.

(From an Etching by W. W. Burgess, after a Painting by E. M. Pearson.)

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J. HENRY QUINN.

Sub-Librarian: ARMITAGE DENTON.

Assistant: DAVID S. YOUNG.

Metropolitan Borough of Chelsea.

Public Library.

TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT, 1912-13.

IN presenting the following report for the year ending 31st March, 1913, the Committee is pleased to be able to state that the Library continues to make steady progress.

The total number of volumes issued during the year was 233,856, or an increase of 1,429 in comparison with the issues of the previous year. The popularity of the institution may be gauged by the fact that it is estimated that on an average some 1,800 persons visit the building daily.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

It is pleasing to note the continued and growing appreciation of the worth of this department as shown by the statistics of books issued. The total number was 63,428, as against 62,116 last year, being an increase of 1,312. The average issue on week-days (10 a.m. to 10 p.m.) was 220, as against 213 last year. The average issue of books on Sundays (3 to 9 p.m., October to April) was 73, as against 81 the previous year. The use made of this department on Sundays, and indeed of all departments on this day, is subject to great fluctuation, at times being so poor as to make it doubtful whether it is worth opening, while on a few occasions the attendance and use made of the books during the latter half of the hours of opening is almost equal to that of week-days.

Increases in the issues of this department are recorded in the classes of literature representing Language (177), Science (682), Fine Arts (552), Literature (775), and Miscellaneous Works—works of general reference (1,112), while decreases are

shown in Philosophy (84), Religion (576), Sociology (25), Useful Arts (636), and History and Biography (665). This variation in the issues is not unusual and can rarely be accounted for. Last year the increases were in the classes of Philosophy, Religion, Fine Arts, Literature, and Miscellaneous Works, and the decreases in Sociology, Language, Science, Useful Arts, and History. Fiction is not issued in this department.

Of late years the use made of the Library by the teaching staff of the South-Western Polytechnic Institute, under the special privilege granted them of using books from this department, has greatly diminished. The number of books so issued during the year was 87, as against 148 last year. A few years ago the number of volumes issued in this way was nearly 400. The books in science and technology are kept well up to date, otherwise they would be of no value, but the persons who use them most are students residing in Chelsea not connected with the Polytechnic. The number of books lent out under special circumstances was 25, though the borrowing of books from the Reference Department is not encouraged.

The stock of books now numbers 25,769 volumes, 1,059 of which were added during the year. All books in the Library, other than fiction, are catalogued for use in this department, and make the total 50,628. Details showing the classification appear in Table 5 of the subjoined statistics. The comprehensiveness as well as the careful selection of the Library stock was illustrated by a request received in July from the authorities of Morley College for Working Men and Women that 32 books named on a list they sent should be added to the Library, as the books had been recommended to their students for reading, and there was likely to be a good demand in consequence. The books named were mostly on constitutional history, political philosophy, and heredity, and all were already in the Library.

In the last report mention was made of the formation of a collection of selected illustrations drawn from what otherwise

would be waste material. This collection has since been considerably augmented and now numbers 12,550. The fact that 2,170 items were borrowed during the year proves that it is of service to a large number of readers, mainly teachers and artists, who did not fail to express their satisfaction that the pictures were available.

In the Annual Report of the Library for 1905-6 it is stated that "The Authorities of Merton College, Oxford, have entrusted to the Library the care of a selection of ninety five mediæval rolls from their muniments, some dating from the reign of Edward I. (1275), and three volumes of MS. collections relating to the history of Merton College, the earliest of the Oxford Colleges, and its founder, Walter de Merton, for the use of Mr. A. F. Leach, of Chelsea, for purposes of research work into the history of schools and colleges. This action on the part of the Authorities of Merton College points out a possibility of usefulness, whereby such institutions as a well-regulated Public Library may be the means of bringing the valuable stores of records and literary material accumulated at distant centres into direct communication with serious students, who by circumstances of duty, time and space, would otherwise be shut out from access to them." A further instance of this kind occurred in July, 1912, when the Authorities of the Swedish Royal Library at Stockholm lent this Library a valuable Japanese manuscript of 1783 for the use of a Chelsea resident, who wished to copy and translate it.

In this connection it is worthy of note that although the Library provides for, and is used by, all classes of the community, it is particularly well used by authors, journalists, and the professional classes, and therefore its influence is more than local; moreover it provides for requirements not met in any way by the usual subscription library.

LENDING DEPARTMENT.

The popularity of this department has been maintained, 130,502 volumes having been borrowed, an increase of 5 on last year's total. The Lending Library was open on 278½

days, and the daily average issue of books was 469. Increases were shown in the classes of Religion (18), Language (68), Fine Arts (58), and Fiction (1,116), and decreases in Philosophy (163), Sociology (175), Science (136), Useful Arts (246), Literature (142), History (129), Juvenile (161), and Magazines (101). From these variations it will be seen that the largest increase is represented in fiction, which is explained by the publication, in November last, of a new and complete catalogue of that section. The percentage of fiction taken out is still low compared with that of most public libraries, and was 58.31 of the Lending Department alone, as against 57.45 last year. This is very moderate when the quick turnover of fiction is borne in mind in comparison with the length of time that is taken for the reading of more solid books. The highest issue on any one full working day was 807 on February 8th, 1913, and the lowest was 292 on July 12th, 1912.

The number of tickets applied for was 3,084; of these 551 were non-fiction (Students') tickets and 184 special tickets for the borrowing of music. All tickets are issued for a period of two years (except those allowed to students of the adjoining Polytechnic Institute, which are available for a session only) and at the expiration of that time are cancelled automatically. During the year under review 3,048 lapsed, leaving a net increase of 36 on last year's total. With this continuous revision the total number of tickets in force on 31st March, 1913, was 6,213, made up of 4,897 Readers', 1,002 Students', and 314 Music Tickets. Included in the Students' Tickets are 71 issued to non-resident Polytechnic students, this being the smallest number granted in any one complete session since the privilege was extended to them. This is probably consequent upon the fact that the Commercial, Trade, and Language classes, from which the largest number of borrowers was drawn, have been removed from the Polytechnic.

With the occupation of the large blocks of model dwellings, now completing, in the vicinity of the Library it is anticipated that the work of this department will increase.

The stock of the Lending Library was increased by the addition of 1,516 volumes (exclusive of replacements), bringing the total number of books available for home reading up to 34,764. Upon reference to Table 7 it will be seen that all classes of literature are well represented and all tastes catered for, it being realized that only by careful selection and by keeping the stock thoroughly abreast of modern knowledge can the position of the Library be maintained. At the same time the Library makes no pretence of competing with the circulating libraries in the way of a plentiful supply of the latest novels. Every effort is made, notwithstanding the hard wear and tear, to keep the stock in clean and wholesome condition, and with this end in view 310 worn-out volumes were withdrawn from circulation. Of these it was considered necessary to replace only 214, the remainder being either "out of print" and unobtainable or of a somewhat ephemeral interest. It may be mentioned that the old books are sent to the Workhouse for the use of the inmates. Four books only have this year been taken from infected houses and destroyed by the sanitary inspectors. This does not indicate any lack of vigilance on the part of these officials, but is due to the fortunate freedom of the borough from infectious disease.

During the year two books costing 4s. 10d. were lost to the Library owing to the disappearance of borrowers and guarantors without returning the books. In September a book was returned to the Library which had been reported as lost just ten years previously. At the annual stocktaking of this department one book could not be accounted for. The recovery of overdue books necessitates a considerable amount of time and attention upon the part of the staff, the number of applications made by post for the return of such numbered 424, and messengers had to be sent for the books upon 23 occasions.

CATALOGUES.

The "Quarterly List" has been regularly issued and continues to be much appreciated. This serves as a supplement to the catalogue, as all new books added to the Library

(Reference and Lending) are included in it, with short notes explanatory of the books where required. It also fulfils a useful purpose in the way of making the Library known to Chelsea people.

A complete "Catalogue of Prose Fiction" was compiled and published in November last. This was much needed, as since the publication in 1907 of the General Catalogue of the Lending Department, 1,030 works of fiction had been cancelled, and that catalogue was therefore obsolete so far as this class of literature was concerned. The sale of the Fiction Catalogue does not appear to have affected that of the General Catalogue, and its publication not only obviates the necessity for again including fiction in the General Catalogue, but will allow of the publication of more frequent and revised catalogues of fiction.

GENERAL READING ROOM.

The daily average attendance in the Reading Room was 1,246. This average is based upon careful monthly countings taken upon various days during the year as shown in Table 4. From these figures it is computed that 380,030 visitors entered the room, exclusive of Bank Holidays. Last year the total was 371,490 and the daily average 1,218. The Sunday visitors are counted each week and the total attendance was 13,558, giving an average of 260 per Sunday, an increase on the previous year, when the totals were 12,759 and 245 respectively. On the four Bank Holidays upon which the Reading Room was open the attendance averaged 169, or 24 per hour (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.). In view of the very meagre attendance on Bank Holidays after 1 p.m. it has been decided to close the building in future at that hour.

THE CHILDREN'S ROOMS.

It is very gratifying to report an increase in the use made of the Children's Rooms, both for "homework" and general reading. The attendance during the year was 27,652, a slight increase upon last year, when it reached 27,514. The number of books used totalled 40,926, as against 39,813 the previous year. Particulars of their classification will be found in

Table 3. This result must be regarded as very satisfactory in view of the counter attractions of the many "picture palaces" and the activities of various commendable agencies for teaching children to utilize their spare time.

The Committee has been enabled to continue the series of instructive and entertaining lantern lectures to children given at intervals during the winter months. The ladies and gentlemen who give their services as lecturers do so voluntarily and often at considerable expense to themselves. The Committee has taken care to express its thanks to them and also to Mr. T. G. Cooling for his continued expert services in operating the lantern. The total attendance at the twelve lectures was 1,980. The lectures with the attendance at each were as follows :—

1912.	ATTENDANCE.
Thursday, Oct. 10th—"The Tower of London," by Mr. Chas. H. Hopwood	187
Thursday, Oct. 31st—"An Ancient Order of Chivalry," by Mr. H. W. Fincham	199
Wednesday, Nov. 6th—"A Piece of Chalk," by Mr. A. J. Maslen	134
Thursday, Nov. 14th—"A Chat about Poetry," by Mr. H. H. Wrench	205
Wednesday, Dec. 4th—"Story of King Arthur and his Knights of the Round Table," by Mr. W. C. Berwick Sayers	202
Tuesday, Dec. 17th—"A Christmas Carol," by Rev. B. F. Relton	186
1913.	
Thursday, Jan. 16th—"Flames and Explosions," by Mr. C. W. Hale, A.K.C.	112
Thursday, Jan. 30th—"Stories of the Rhine," by Mr. A. Weiner, M.A.	146
Thursday, Feb. 6th—"Through Algeria to the Great Sahara Desert," by Mr. F. G. Newmarch	215
Thursday, Feb. 20th—"Our Animal Friends," by Miss Constance Warner, of the R.S.P.C.A.	184
Friday, March 7th—"Steam Engines," by Mr. W. C. Houston, B.Sc.	132
Tuesday, March 18th—"Animal Studies," by Mr. T. G. Cooling	98

That the work carried on in connection with the Children's Rooms is valued by the teachers of the elementary schools is shown by a letter received in December last from the Headmaster of an L.C.C. School in Chelsea, in which he says : "A large number of our children take a keen delight in the lectures, and on behalf of the Masters and Mistresses of this School I beg to thank all those who interest themselves in educating and giving pleasure to our children."

THE CHELSEA COLLECTION.

There were no notable additions to the Chelsea collection during the year except the gift of a large framed photograph of the late Mr. Robert Needham Cust, J.P., from Miss A. M. Cust. The following inscription has been put upon it :—

" Robert Needham Cust, LL.D., J.P. (1821-1909), Indian Administrator, Philologist, and Orientalist. A Chelsea Resident and Guardian of the Poor for many years."

An etching of "The Adam and Eve Inn," by Edward Edwards, and forty-seven photographs of interesting old Chelsea houses, mostly of interiors or architectural features, were added by purchase. Holograph letters written from Chelsea by Sir Hans Sloane (1709), Leigh Hunt, and Mrs. S. C. Hall (1831) were purchased from the Chelsea Commemoration Fund ; and Mr. Reginald Blunt has lent a letter written by Robert Bertie, Earl of Lindsey, in 1693.

Four framed Chelsea prints were lent to an exhibition in the Royal Architectural Museum from November 21st to December 4th, 1912, and permission was given to reproduce prints and drawings for the Chelsea volume of the Committee for the Survey of the Memorials of Greater London, and for a book on Cheyne Walk which Mr. Reginald Blunt has in preparation.

INSURANCE.

The Committee has had the Library re-valued for fire insurance, and the building and contents are now insured for a total sum of £35,044.

The Daily Chronicle.

IN THE CHILDREN'S READING ROOM.

By Permission of



SOME APPRECIATIONS.

As a rule the public is more ready to criticize and express dissatisfaction or lodge complaints than it is to take the opposite course when its wants are readily met. It is satisfactory, therefore, to be able to say that not only has no complaint been received by the Committee, but that several letters of appreciation have been sent to the Librarian during the year covered by this report, from which the following extracts are taken :--

“ Although I have access to British Museum Library and have sampled many others, for general comfort and availability and choice of most interesting and useful books on nearly every subject I always swear by the Chelsea Library.”

The Principal of a Training College writes : “ I think you and your assistants are doing a splendid bit of work. It shows what special knowledge, intelligence, and enthusiasm can do in meeting the various needs of the reading public—be they the needs of the specialist or the school child. And I think that you are making the Chelsea Library a model of what such a library should be. I know what use the Library is to my own staff and students and we are only a fraction of the community.”

A lady writes from Minneapolis, U.S.A. : “ Chelsea is always one of my homes to me, no matter how long I may have to be away, and since I have come back to live in America the thing I have most at heart is to write the smallest possible book to tell the people who have no inclination to take London by violence how they can really live in it, even if they have very little time, and the chapter on Chelsea is the one that I shall love best to write. If one cannot be in Chelsea the next best thing is to write about it. But I miss your Library and the British Museum increasingly every day. I hope all Chelseans realize how rich they are in being able to study in such a *milieu* as the Library affords. The more Libraries I see, the more I appreciate every detail of the arrangement there and all the charm of light and colour and spacious restfulness.”

Another writes : “ I should be very much obliged if you would let me have a list of the books in the Free Library bearing on the Caucasus Mountains, Caspian Sea, and South Russia generally. You were kind enough to put me on the track of some excellent books before I visited Dalmatia, Montenegro, &c., two years ago.”

Mr. Alfred de Sauty, the well-known art-bookbinder, of Chelsea, besides expressing his appreciation, gave a practical token of it by repairing and binding the Library copy of Sir Thomas More’s “ The Supplycacyon of Soulys,” 1530.

Any help, however, afforded by the Library and its staff is more frequently acknowledged verbally at the time.

THE LIBRARIAN.

At their meeting on the 2nd December the Committee passed the following resolution :—

“ That we congratulate Mr. Quinn on the completion of twenty-five years of service and thank him for all he has done for the Library.”

DONORS OF BOOKS.

The following is a list of persons and institutions from whom gifts of books and pamphlets were received during the year :—

Central Association of Accountants ; Society of Incorporated Accountants and Auditors ; Mr. C. H. Allberry ; Commonwealth of Australia ; Mrs. Henry Bacon ; Mr. W. H. A. Bailey ; Mr. Reginald Blunt ; Mr. W. H. Aitken Bradley ; British Museum Trustees ; Rt. Hon. John Burns, M.P. ; Major W. Roper Caldbeck ; Canadian Government ; Canadian Pacific Railway ; Carnegie Dunfermline Trustees ; Mr. James Cassidy ; Central Emigration Board ; Chelsea Tradesmen’s Association ; Messrs. Chenil & Co. ; Town Clerk, Christchurch, N.Z. ; City and Guilds of London Institute ; City (of London) Corporation ; Miss Clifford ; Messrs. Collingwood Bros. ; Mr. Percy E. Coombe ; Co-operative Union, Ltd. ; Rt. Hon. Lord Courtney of Penwith ; Miss A. M. Cust ; Mr. H. B. Dale ; Mr. Seymour Dicker ; Miss E. T. Down ; Mr. Francis Druce ; Mr. J. W. Facey ; Messrs. Gill & Ellis ; Mr. R. Hallward ; Harvard College Museum, U.S.A. ; Lieut.-Col. F. A. Hayden, D.S.O. ; Mrs. Christopher Head ; Mr. D. Hipwell ; H.M. Stationery Office ; Mr. S. J. G. Hoare, M.P. ; Mr. E. J. Horniman, J.P. ; University of Illinois, U.S.A. ; Imperial Maritime League ; Mr. A. S. Jennings ; Mr. Henri L. Joly ; Sir John Kirk, J.P. ; Sir E. Durning Lawrence, Bart. ; Messrs. C. & E. Layton ; Leigh Browne Endowment ; London County Council ; London Directory Co., Ltd. ; London University College ; Messrs. Marshall & Co. ; Miss I. A. Mason ; Metropolitan Asylums Board ; Michelin Tyre Co. ; Messrs. C. Mitchell & Co. ; Mr. Percy C. Morris ; Mr. W. J. Mulvey, J.P. ; National Association for Women’s Lodging Houses ; National Union of Teachers ; Navy Records Society ; High

Commissioner for New Zealand ; Town Clerk of Northampton ; Agent-General for Nova Scotia ; Mrs. Douglas Owen ; Mrs. Dillwyn Parrish ; Messrs. J. & J. Paton ; Mr. J. Tavenor Perry ; Mrs. Mary Preston ; Rev. S. P. T. Prideaux ; Borough Librarian of Reading ; Rt. Hon. Sir George Reid ; Messrs. Grant Richards, Ltd. ; Royal Colonial Institute ; Royal National Life-Boat Institution ; Royal Insurance Co., Ltd. ; Hon. R. Russell ; Miss M. Salter ; Mr. Alfred de Sauty ; Mr. Thomas Sheppard ; the late Mr. E. V. Stone ; Stubb's Publishing Co., Ltd. ; Tariff Reform League ; Messrs. W. P. Thompson & Co. ; Rev. H. Byerley Thomson ; Dr. J. Maitland Thomson ; Trinity College of Music, London ; U.S. Bureau of Education ; U.S. Library of Congress ; University College Library ; University Tutorial Press, Ltd. ; Lady Ward ; Mr. A. R. Ward ; Lady G. Watson ; Mr. Hector Waylen ; the late Prof. J. Westlake, K.C. ; Mr. William Willett ; Mr. Aneurin Williams ; Women's Industrial Council.

NEWSPAPERS, &c., PRESENTED.

The following newspapers, periodicals, &c., were presented as issued by the respective publishers or proprietors :—

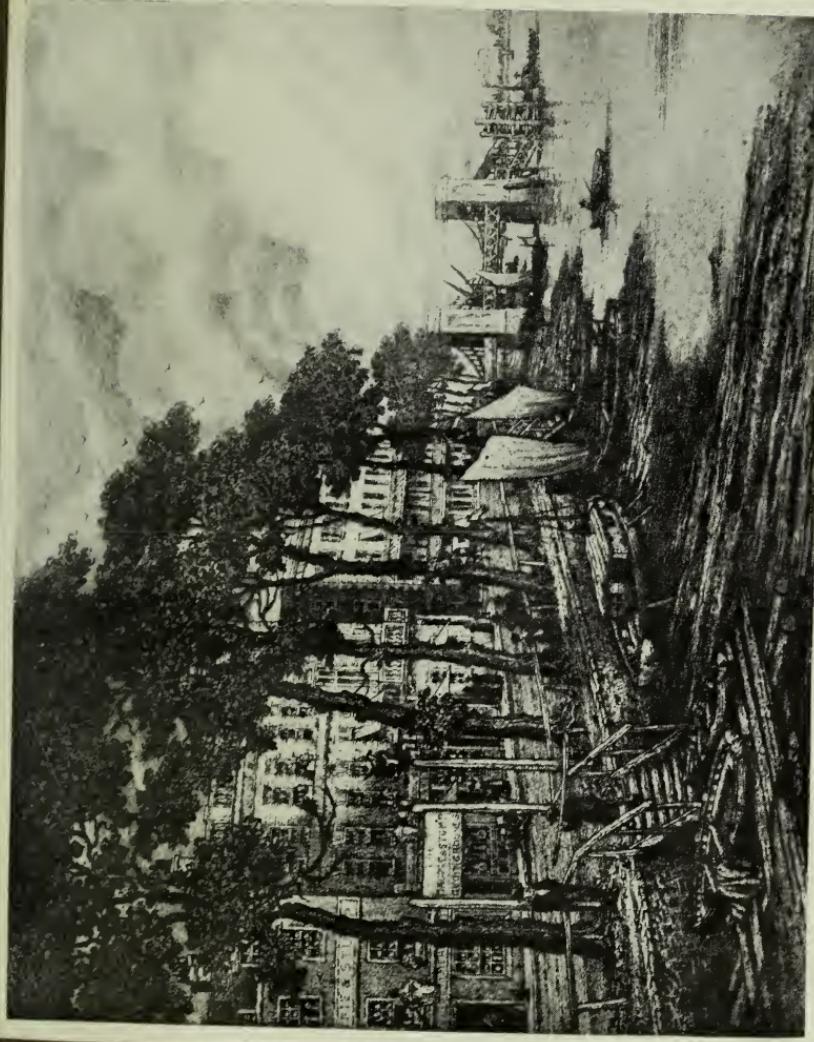
Accountant, Acetylene Lighting and Welding Journal, Agricultural Economist, Amateur Photographer, Anglo-Russian, Animal World, Animals' Friend, Animals' Guardian, Anti-Slavery Reporter, Anti-Suffrage Review, Anti-Vivisection Review, Arbitrator, Architect, Associated Accountants' Journal, Australasian World, Band of Mercy, Bird Notes and News, Bournemouth Visitors' Directory, Britain's Opium-Harvest, British Architect, British Australasian, British Columbia Magazine, Broad Arrow, Buddhist Review, Canadian Magazine, Charity Organisation Review, Charity Record, Chelsea Parish Magazine, Christian, Christian Globe, Church Family Newspaper, Church Gazette, Civil Service Aspirant, Civil Service Candidate, Civil Service Hints, Clark's Educator, Clerk, Clerks of Works' Association Journal, Concord, Conservative and Unionist, Conservative and Unionist Women's Franchise Review, Contractor's Record, Contractor's Trade Journal, Cook's Excursionist, Co-Partnership, Covenant People, Cowkeeper and Dairyman's Journal, Cyclists' Touring Club Gazette, Dalton's Weekly, Decorator, Draper's Record, Educational Record, Educational Times, Epicure, Estates Gazette, Ethical World, Ferro-Concrete, Food and Cookery, Free Russia, Free Sunday Advocate, Free Trader, Freeman's Journal, Friendly Leaves, Friendly Work, Fulham Chronicle, Fulham Times, Great Western Railway Magazine, Health Record, Herald of Health, Herald of the Cross, Herald of the Golden Age, Home, Humanitarian, Incorporated Accountants' Journal, India, Indian Magazine, Insurance

Agent, Insurance Record, International Theosophical Chronicle, Irish Independent, Jewish Intelligence, Journal of Decorative Art, Kensington News, Land Values, Liberal Monthly, Liberator, Licensing World, Lifeboat, Literary Guide, Local Government Chronicle, Local Government Journal, London Crusader, London County Council Gazette, L.C.C. Workmen's Trains, &c. Guide, London Observer, London Temperance Times, Londoner Zeitung, Lord's Day, Machinery Market, Manual Training, Maritime Review, Mechanical World, Middlesex County Times, Monthly Notes on Tariff Reform, Morley College Magazine, Motor Traction, Musical Herald, Natal Mercury, Nation in Arms, National Service Journal, New Church Magazine, Oddfellow's Magazine, Our Waifs and Strays, Parents' Review, Patents Journal, Peacemaker, Philanthropist, Pioneer of Wisdom, Pitman's Journal, Plumber and Decorator, Poor Law Officers' Journal, Positivist Review, Practical Engineer, Printers' Register, Railway Review, Representation, Return of Deaths of Seamen, Rural World, Sales and Wants, Secondary Education, Secretary, Socialist Standard, State Correspondent, Temperance Chronicle, Theosophical Path, Theosophical Quarterly, Timber Trades Journal, Trade Protection Journal, Travel, United Empire, University Correspondent, Vaccination Inquirer, Vegetarian Messenger, Vulcan, What's On, Wheatsheaf, Women's Industrial News, World Travel Gazette, Zoophilist.

Besides the above, the following persons and institutions presented the periodicals named :—

Mr. E. Chambers : Bible in the World, Bible Society Gleanings. Chelsea Temperance Society : Alliance News. Miss E. T. Down : Journal of the Royal Horticultural Society. Mrs. Elizabeth Ellis : The English Churchman. First Church of Christ, Scientist, Chelsea : Christian Science Journal, Christian Science Sentinel. Lady Scott-Moncrieff : The Common Cause. The late Mr. L. Moon : Emmanuel Chelsea, Parochial Magazine. Society of Engineers (Incorporated) : Journal and Transactions. Unionist Associations of Ireland Joint Committee : Belfast Weekly News. Mr. F. J. Welch, J.P., Mayor of Chelsea : London Teacher. The late Professor J. Westlake, K.C. : Economic Journal, Journal of Hellenic Studies, Bulletin de la Classe des Lettres, etc., de l'Académie Royale de Belgique. Women's Branch of the Chelsea Tariff Reform League : Empire Illustrated. Women's Social and Political Union Votes for Women.

The Chelsea Borough Council and the London County Council have sent their Minutes of Proceedings as issued, and the railway companies supplied their time-tables. Annual reports and catalogues have been received from a number of public Libraries.



CHEYNE WALK AND THE CADOGAN PIER IN 1871.
(From an Etching by W. W. Burgess in the Yates Gallery.)

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

TABLE 1, SHOWING THE NUMBER OF VOLUMES ISSUED,
WITH THEIR CLASSIFICATION.

CLASS.	WEEK DAYS. Days open—278½.		SUNDAYS. Days Open—30*.	
	Total vols. issued.	Daily average.	Total vols. issued.	Daily average.
Philosophy.....	488	2	15	1
Religion.....	1666	6	70	2
Sociology.....	5006	18	137	5
Language.....	4976	18	248	8
Science.....	4727	17	91	3
Useful Arts.....	3742	13	138	5
Fine Arts.....	6736	24	254	8
Literature (Poetry, Drama, Essays)	7540	27	293	10
History, Biography, Travels.....	17448	63	618	21
Miscellaneous (Encyclopædias, &c.)	8922	32	313	10
 TOTAL.....	61251	220	2177	73

* Closed May—September inclusive.

LENDING DEPARTMENT.

TABLE 2, SHOWING THE NUMBER OF VOLUMES ISSUED,
WITH THEIR CLASSIFICATION.

CLASS.	Days open—278½.	
	Total volumes issued.	Daily average.
Philosophy.....	1062	4
Religion.....	1831	7
Sociology.....	2369	9
Language.....	437	2
Science.....	2554	9
Useful Arts.....	2208	8
Fine Arts.....	5419	20
Literature (Poetry, Drama, Essays)	8103	29
History, Biography, Travels.....	15983	57
Books for Children.....	13492	48
Prose Fiction.....	76095	273
Miscellaneous (Magazines, &c.)	959	3
 TOTAL.....	180502	469

Number of Borrowers' Tickets in force—6213.

LENDING DEPARTMENT.

TABLE 3, SHOWING THE OCCUPATIONS OF THE LAST THOUSAND BORROWERS ADDED TO THE ROLL.

Accountants	....	2	Ironmoulder	....	....	1
Actors and Actresses	....	5	Jeweller	....	....	1
Agents	....	6	Journalists	....	....	7
Architects	....	2	Labourers	....	....	3
Artists	....	46	Laundress	....	....	1
Artists' Models	....	2	Matron	....	....	1
Authors	....	5	Mechanicians	....	....	2
Bakers and Confectioners	....	2	Merchants	....	....	4
Barmaid	....	1	Miller	....	....	1
Barristers	....	6	Milliners	....	....	4
Boarding House Keepers	....	2	Music Teachers and Musicians	....	....	13
Boiler Attendants	...	2	Needleworkers	....	....	3
Bookbinder	....	1	Nurses	....	....	12
Boot Repairer	....	1	Officers, Army and Navy	....	....	6
Botanist	....	1	Organ Builder	....	....	1
Brass Finisher	....	1	Packer	....	....	1
Bricklayer	....	1	Painters and Decorators	....	....	7
Builders	....	4	Park Keeper	....	....	1
Butcher	....	1	Pensioner	....	....	1
Cabdriver	....	1	Photographer	....	....	1
Cabinet Maker	....	1	Picture Frame Maker	....	....	1
Carpenters and Joiners	....	5	Porters and Attendants	....	....	6
Chemists and Assistants	....	7	Plasterer	....	....	1
Civil Servants	....	26	Postmen	....	....	2
Clergymen	....	4	Printers	....	....	2
Clerks (including Typists)	....	57	Sadler	....	....	1
Coachmakers	....	2	Salesmen	....	....	2
Commercial Travellers	....	4	Schoolmasters and Teachers	....	....	26
Dairyman	....	1	Secretaries	....	....	15
Dental Surgeon	....	1	Shop Managers and Assistants	....	....	10
Designer	....	1	Stockbroker	....	....	1
Doctors	....	6	Storekeepers	....	....	2
Domestic Servants (11 M., 33 F.)	44		Students	....	....	70
Drapers and Assistants	....	7	Tailors	....	....	4
Dressmakers and Assistants	....	28	Telegraph Messenger	....	....	1
Engineers	....	10	Telephonist	....	....	1
, (Electrical)	....	4	Upholstresses	....	....	4
Errand Boys	....	3	Veterinary Surgeon	....	....	1
Financier	....	1	Waiters and Waitresses	....	....	4
French Polisher	....	1	Warehouseman	....	....	1
Gardeners and Florists	....	5	Wheelwright	....	....	1
Gold Cutter	....	1	Window cleaner	....	....	1
Governesses	....	3	No occupation stated:—			
Greengrocer	....	1	Males (including 39 school boys)	90		
Grocers and Assistants	....	2	Females (, 33 , girls)	364		
Hairdresser	....	1				

CHILDREN'S ROOMS.

TABLE 4, SHOWING THE NUMBER OF VOLUMES ISSUED,
WITH THEIR CLASSIFICATION.

CLASS.	WEEK DAYS. Open 305 evenings.	SUNDAYS. Open 52 evenings.	Total volumes issued.
	Volumes issued.	Volumes issued.	
Philosophy	109	12	121
Religion	29	11	40
Sociology	930	120	1050
Language	28	3	31
Science	1253	416	1669
Useful Arts	79	37	116
Fine Arts	575	256	831
Literature (Poetry, Drama, Essays)	1899	619	2518
History, Biography, Travels	3090	951	4041
Stories	10362	2859	13221
Magazines and Periodicals (in vols.)	13439	3849	17288
 TOTAL	31793	9133	40926

Total attendances for the year—27652.

READING ROOMS.

TABLE 5, SHOWING THE NUMBER OF PERSONS ENTERING
THE ROOMS ON THE DAYS NAMED.

1912.

		Total.
Saturday, April 20th	(9 a.m. to 10 p.m.)	.. .. 1159
Monday, May 13th	( " " )	.. .. 1299
Tuesday, June 18th	( " " )	.. .. 1158
Wednesday, July 17th	(9 a.m. to 2 p.m., 5 to 10 p.m.)	836
Thursday, August 22nd	(9 a.m. to 10 p.m.)	.. .. 1218
Friday, September 20th	( " " )	.. .. 1264
Saturday, October 19th	( " " )	.. .. 1220
Monday, November 18th	( " " )	.. .. 1572
Tuesday, December 10th	( " " )	.. .. 1459

1913.

Wednesday, January 15th	(9 a.m. to 2 p.m., 5 to 10 p.m.)	988
Thursday, February 27th	(9 a.m. to 10 p.m.)	.. .. 1431
Friday, March 14th	( " " )	.. .. 1354

1912.

BANK HOLIDAYS.

Easter Monday, April 8th	(9 a.m. to 4 p.m.)	180
Whit Monday, May 27th	(" ")	163
First Monday in August, August 5th	(" ")	157

1913.

Easter Monday, March 24th	(" ")	175
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SUNDAY ATTENDANCE.

The Reading Rooms were open on 52 Sundays, the total attendance being 13558, giving an average of 260 per Sunday (Oct.—June, 3 to 9 p.m., July—Sept., 6 to 9 p.m.).

TABLE 6, SHOWING THE CLASSIFICATION AND NUMBER OF VOLUMES ISSUED IN ALL DEPARTMENTS.

CLASS.	Reference Library.	Lending Library.	Children's Rooms.	Total.	Per cent.
Philosophy	503	1062	121	1686	.72
Religion	1736	1831	40	3607	1.54
Sociology	5143	2369	1050	8562	3.66
Language	5224	437	31	5692	2.44
Science	4818	2554	1669	9041	3.87
Useful Arts	3880	2198	116	6194	2.65
Fine Arts	6990	5419	831	13240	5.66
Literature (Poetry, Drama, Essays)	7833	8103	1518	17454	7.46
History, Biography, Travels	18066	15983	4041	38090	16.29
Stories for Children	—	13492	17288	30780	13.16
Prose Fiction	—	76095	—	76095	32.54
Miscellaneous (Magazines, Encyclopædias, &c.) ..	9235	959	13221	23415	10.01
TOTAL.....	63428	130502	40926	233856	100.00

TABLE 7, SHOWING THE TOTAL ANNUAL ISSUE OF VOLUMES SINCE THE OPENING OF THE LIBRARY.

Jan. 23rd—May, 1891	..	..	..	45,905
1891-92	..	..	..	157,693
1892-93	..	..	..	168,623
1893-94	..	..	..	179,456
1894-95	..	..	..	180,016
1895-96	..	..	..	170,834
1896-97	..	..	..	171,298
1897-98	..	..	..	168,853
1898-99	..	..	..	171,585
1899-1900	..	..	..	170,522
1900-1 (June 1st—March 31st)	..	..	..	159,892
1901-2	..	..	..	184,656
1902-3	..	..	..	211,611
1903-4	..	..	..	216,590
1904-5	..	..	..	198,257
1905-6	..	..	..	208,188
1906-7	..	..	..	223,079
1907-8	..	..	..	226,836
1908-9	..	..	..	239,950
1909-10	250,549
1910-11	234,899
1911-12	232,427
1912-13	233,856
TOTAL	4,405,575



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IN THE CHILDREN'S READING ROOM. *The Daily Chronicle.*

TABLE 8, SHOWING THE CLASSIFICATION OF THE STOCK
OF BOOKS BY DEPARTMENTS.

CLASS.	Reference	Lending.	Children's Rooms.	Total volumes in Library, 31st Mar., 1913.	Per cent.
Philosophy	280	833	6	1119	1.81
Religion	1380	2017	29	3426	5.55
Sociology	2800	2269	12	5081	8.23
Language	275	328	19	622	1.01
Science	1843	1826	95	3764	6.10
Useful Arts	1775	1370	21	3166	5.13
Fine Arts	2469	1986	9	4464	7.23
Literature (Poetry, Drama, Essays) ..	2100	3648	83	5831	9.45
History, Biography, Travels	9286	9742	170	19198	31.10
Stories for Children ..	—	2549	592	3141	5.09
Prose Fiction	—	7356	—	7356	11.92
Miscellaneous (Ency- clopædias, Maga- zines, &c.)	3561	840	155	4556	7.38
TOTAL	25769	34764	1191	61724	100.00

FINANCIAL

Sums received and expended

	RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance from 1911-12	473	13	8½
From Rates (allocated to Public Libraries Account)	3611	5	3			
Fines and Penalties..	85	6	9
Other Receipts :—							
Sale of Catalogues	12	4	1
Sale of Tickets	24	10	2
Sale of Waste Paper, &c.	8	16	6
Bank Interest	15	12	5
					—	61	3
							2

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CHELSEA COMMEMORA
(including Bequest of Mrs.

	£	s.	d.
Balance from 1911-12
Bank Interest
	105	6	0
	2	12	0
	£107	18	0

STATEMENT.

under the Public Libraries Acts.

	EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Buildings, Repairs and Maintenance :—							
Building and furniture repairs and improvements	72	10	11		
Cleaning, fuel and lighting	195	3	10½	267	14
			—	—	—	9½	
Books, Newspapers, &c.	754	4	6		
Bookbinding and repairs	116	15	6		
Printing catalogues	74	11	5	945	11
			—	—	—	5	
Salaries of Officers and Assistants				1422	11
						10	
Establishment Charges, viz. :—							
Rates and taxes, insurance	73	7	1		
Stationery and printing	53	18	8		
Carriage, postages, &c.	20	11	0		
Uniform clothing	9	2	3	156	19
			—	—	—	0	
Annual Payment to Paddington Borough Council under Financial Adjustment Scheme					300	0
						0	0
Repayment of Loans and Interest on Loans :—							
Principal repaid :—							
To the London County Council	442	15	8		
Interest, including Income Tax :—							
To the London County Council	137	5	4	580	1
			—	—	—	0	
Total Expenditure				3672	18
						0½	
Balance at the end of the year				558	10
						10	0
			—	—	—	£4231	8
						10½	0

TION (1837-1897) FUND.

Henrietta Yates, £100).

	£	s.	d.
Purchase of Chelsea Pictures ..	....	....	....
Balance ....	....	....	....
	3	13	8
	104	4	4
	—	—	—
	£107	18	0

J. HENRY QUINN,

Clerk to the Public Libraries Committee.

(This statement, when audited, will be embodied in the "Abstract of the Treasurer's Accounts," 1912-1913).

Memoranda.

Population of the Borough of Chelsea, Census 1911	...	...	...	...	66,404
Area of the Borough	...	...	...	...	659.6 acres
Rateable Value of the Borough	...	...	...	...	£912,016
Public Libraries Acts adopted	...	...	...	...	May, 1887
First Commissioners for Public Libraries appointed...	...	...	...	...	June, 1887
Temporary Library opened in Town Hall...	...	...	...	...	Nov., 1887
Librarian appointed	...	...	...	...	Nov., 1887
The Earl Cadogan, K.G., gave the free- hold site for the Library and £350 for the purchase of technical books	...	...	...	...	Feb., 1888
Charity Commissioners received Deputa- tion organised by the Chelsea Libra- ries Commissioners asking for the establishment of the South-Western Polytechnic, 30th April, 1888, and agreed to the establishment of the Polytechnic	...	...	...	...	10th May, 1888
The late Rt. Hon. Sir Charles W. Dilke, Bart., M.P., gave £500 for the purchase of books	...	...	...	...	May, 1888
Memorial stone of the Library laid by the late Countess Cadogan	...	...	...	...	8th Feb., 1890
Library opened by the Earl Cadogan, K.G.	...	...	...	...	21st Jan., 1891
Queen Victoria Gallery of Chelsea Prints and Drawings opened	...	...	...	...	4th Dec., 1899
Public Libraries Commissioners' duties transferred to the Boroughs of Chel- sea and Paddington, and the Kensal Town Branch Library transferred to Paddington	...	...	...	...	1st April, 1901
Bequest by Mrs. Henrietta Yates, of Penhurst, of £100 and art objects	...	...	...	...	Sept., 1904
Number of Volumes in the Library	...	...	...	...	61,724
Number of Volumes issued 1912-13	...	...	...	...	233,856
Total number issued since opening...	...	...	...	...	4,405,575

Gifts of Books, Prints, or Works of Art will be received or sent for by the Librarian, Public Library, Manresa Road, S.W. Bequests to be made to the Council of the Metropolitan Borough of Chelsea for the purposes of the Public Libraries and Museums.

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Metropolitan Borough of Chelsea.

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FOR THE

Year ending 31st March, 1914.



MANDERS' FISH SHOP, CHEYNE WALK, Demolished, 1892.

From a Drawing by W. W. Burgess, R.E.

The medallion head shewn in the gable is preserved in the Library.

Metropolitan Borough of Chelsea.

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MAY, 1914.

Metropolitan Borough of Chelsea.

Committee for Public Libraries and Museums,
1913-1914.

The Mayor, COUNCILLOR F. J. WELCH, J.P., Chairman.

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Librarian and Clerk to the Committee :
J. HENRY QUINN.

Sub-Librarian : ARMITAGE DENTON.

Assistant : DAVID S. YOUNG.

Metropolitan Borough of Chelsea.

Public Library.

TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT, 1913-14.

THE Committee, in submitting its report on the working of the Library during the past year, is gratified to state that the number of books issued is the highest yet recorded in the history of the Library.

There has been an expansion in the work of each department, the total number of volumes issued being 262,713—an increase of 28,857 on last year's total. This also exceeded by 12,164 the issues of the year 1909-10, the highest previous record. There is every prospect that this increase will be maintained.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

This department continues to grow steadily in public appreciation, and the year under review has been eminently successful. The number of volumes consulted reached a total of 75,401, an increase of 11,973 on that of last year. The daily average issue on week days was 258, or 38 per day more than in the previous year. On Sundays the average increased from 73 to 80. The increases were not confined to any particular class of literature, but were recorded in every class except Science, where there was a decrease of 228 volumes, although during the past year particular attention had been paid to keeping this class thoroughly up to date. Increases are shown in the classes of Philosophy (52), Religion (783), Sociology (1096), Language (1670), Technology (412), Fine Arts (1086), Literature (334), History (4341), and Miscellaneous works of general reference (2427).

The number of books issued to members of the Staff of the South-Western Polytechnic Institute is gradually diminishing and only amounted to 67, being 20 less than last year; ten years ago it was 400. The number of volumes lent to students or others for home use under special circumstances was 42 as against 25 last year, though the borrowing of books from the Reference Department is discouraged and the time limited to two or three days at most.

To the stock of this department 861 volumes have been added, bringing the total up to 26,630. Besides these, the whole of the stock of the Lending Department, other than Fiction, is made available for reference, placing 52,389 volumes at the disposal of literary workers, students, and inquirers generally, and it is satisfactory to know that excellent use is made of the collection. It is a common experience for people who have been resident in the district for some time to "discover" the Library and its resources, and, having done so, to say that they have hitherto gone afield at the cost of time and trouble to find what was available at their own doors, had they but known it. Other than this, no particular reason can be assigned for the increased issue of books in the Reference Department, and it may be merely incidental.

The collection of selected and mounted illustrations filed in this department and referred to in previous reports has proved even more serviceable than was anticipated. It now contains 15,700 items collected almost altogether from material at one time regarded as waste. The number of these illustrations borrowed for a variety of purposes, mostly teaching, was 3,954, an increase on the previous year of 784.

LENDING DEPARTMENT.

The number of volumes issued in the Lending Department was 145,688 as against 130,502 the previous year, an increase of 15,186.

There are various reasons for this increase. As anticipated in the last report, the occupation of many of the large blocks of model dwellings recently opened in the Borough brought a number of new borrowers, and with the completion and

occupation of the further dwellings more may be expected. Another important factor was the decision of the Committee, when revising the Rules and Regulations, to abolish the charge of twopence made for borrowers' tickets, which possibly served as a hindrance to the use of the Library. The result is seen in the increased number of tickets issued, especially to children from the elementary schools, and in the increased issue of 7,414 books from the Children's section of this department. So large is the attendance of children at times in the Lending Library that it may be necessary to consider whether some special provision for them may not be required if the increase continues. From its formation the Committee has spared no efforts in the endeavour to render the Library useful and attractive to the children of the Borough. It is strongly felt that children, who have been taught to utilise it as an auxiliary to their studies and for general reading, will almost certainly continue the reading habit after they have left school and gone out into the world. In this connection the following extract from the report of a London County Council District Inspector on a Chelsea school is of interest. He says: "*By the use of the school library and with the help of the Authorities of the Chelsea Public Library, the children have been encouraged to read extensively, and to refer to books for information in connection with their work at school.*"

The above total represents a daily average issue of 516 volumes for the 282½ days during which this department of the Library was open, or an increase of 54 per day on the previous year. The statistics of the classes of literature borrowed show an increase of 100 in Philosophy, 147 in Science, 233 in Technology, 714 in Fine Arts, 590 in Literature (Poetry, Drama, Essays), 634 in History, 7,414 in Books for Children, and 6,034 in Fiction, while decreases are shown of 222 in Religion, 288 in Sociology, 28 in Language, and 142 in Miscellaneous (magazines in volumes). Even with the increase in the number of works of fiction (other than books for children) circulated, the percentage is lower than the previous year, being 56.38 as against 58.31 of the Lending

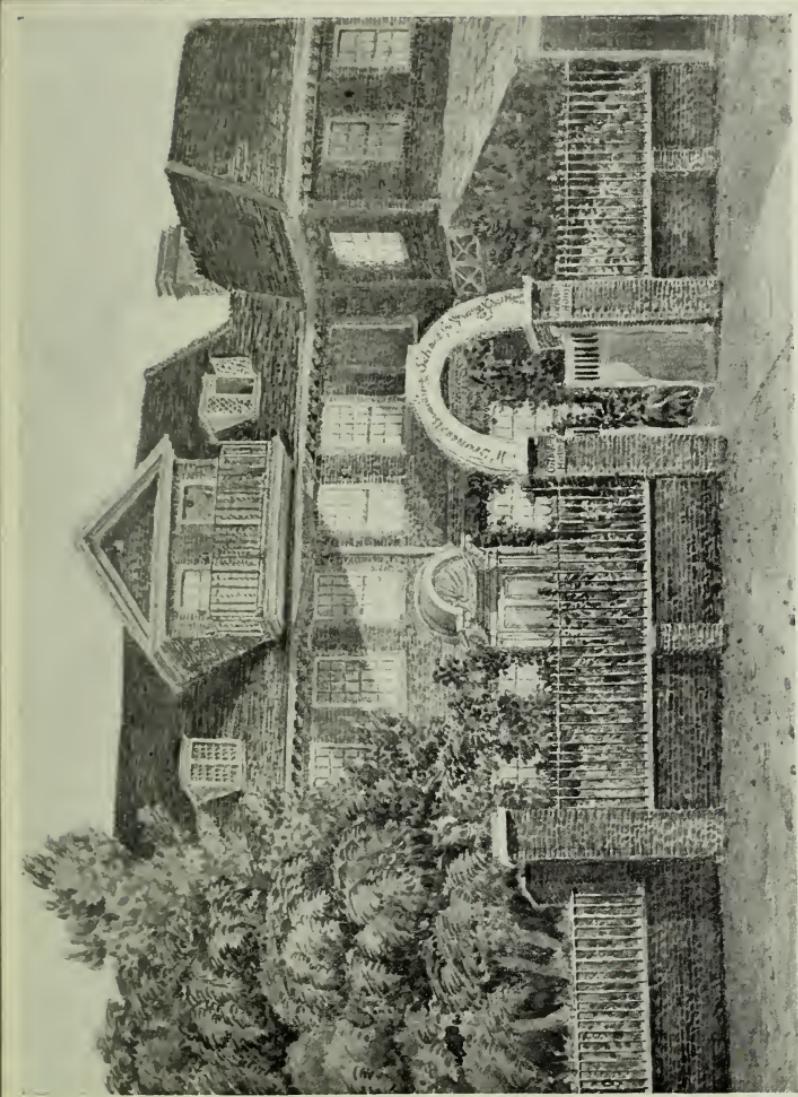
Library alone and is 31·26 of the whole issue. The greatest number of books given out on any one day was 972 on November 22nd and the lowest 324 on September 6th.

Applications for Borrowers' Tickets have shown a steady increase throughout the year, the number taken up being 4,128, inclusive of 688 Students' Tickets and 233 Music Tickets. During the same period 3,193 tickets were cancelled, leaving a net gain of 935 for the year. All tickets are issued for two years, and at the end of that time have to be obtained anew. The total number now in force is 7,148, viz., 5,781 Readers' Tickets, 1,184 Students' Tickets, and 375 Music Tickets. Students' Tickets were granted to 60 non-resident students of the South-Western Polytechnic Institute as against 74 the previous year.

The number of volumes in this department is now 36,289, 1,455 having been added during the year. Consequent upon the usual wear and tear 500 volumes, principally works of fiction, were withdrawn as worn out. Of these 394 were replaced and the rest cancelled in the Stock Books. There were also 28 books taken from houses where infectious diseases occurred and destroyed by the Sanitary Officers, 21 of these being replaced by the Library, and 7 cancelled.

Advantage has been taken of the preparation of a new general catalogue of this department to revise the stock of scientific and technical books contained therein and 212 volumes were withdrawn as obsolete or because they had been already superseded by newer editions. A large number of books no longer in demand but possessing permanent value for occasional reference will be transferred to the Reference Department upon the publication of the new catalogue.

The number of applications sent by post to borrowers or their guarantors to secure the return of overdue books was 624, and messengers had to be sent for books on a number of occasions. Notwithstanding this, three books, of small value, were lost to the Library owing to the borrowers and guaran-



Omond House, Queen's Road.
From a Water-colour Drawing in the Queen Victoria Gallery.

tors having left the Borough without returning the books. The amount taken during the year in fines for neglect to return books to time was £89 9s. 8d.

CATALOGUES.

During the year a new enlarged and revised edition of the Catalogue of Music and Literature of Music was printed and put on sale at the price of threepence. This is the third issue of this special catalogue.

The Quarterly List of New Additions has been regularly published, and continues to serve a useful purpose in making the public acquainted with the additions to the stock of both Lending and Reference Departments, and in directing public attention to the Library and its resources. This publication has now been in existence for ten years (forty issues), and has become an indispensable adjunct to the usefulness of the Library.

READING Room.

The usual countings have taken place at varying intervals throughout the year, and from figures thus obtained it is computed that the attendance in the Reading Room has shown a slight falling off. Upon the basis of this periodical counting it is calculated that some 369,908 people visited the room on weekdays, being a daily average of 1201, whereas in the previous year the attendance was estimated at 380,030 and the daily average 1,246. On Sundays the people attending were regularly counted, when the numbers showed a considerable increase and were 17,298, an average of 333, compared with a total of 13,558 and an average of 260 during the corresponding period of the previous year. The room was open on three Bank Holidays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., the average attendance being 103 or 23 per hour as against 169 and 24 last year.

BYELAWS AND RULES.

During the year the Committee thoroughly revised the Rules and Regulations of the Library and improved the borrower's application form. The principal alteration was

the abolition of the charge for borrowers' tickets, already referred to. The Committee also prepared a series of Bye-laws under the provisions of the Public Libraries Act, 1901, and these were sanctioned, without alteration, by the Borough Council on June 12th, and by the Local Government Board on August 9th, 1913.

CHILDREN'S READING ROOMS.

The popularity of this department has continued although the attendance fluctuates greatly according to the weather, and is somewhat affected by the various outside movements to entertain and instruct children. The attendances recorded were 28,687 and the number of volumes used was 41,624, an increase of 1,035 and 698 respectively on the previous year. The statistics of the books issued show that the rooms have been largely used for the working out of "general knowledge" papers and essay writing, besides the usual reading of stories and turning over of picture books.

Thanks to the voluntary services of the ladies and gentlemen named below, the Committee was able to arrange a further series of educational lantern lectures for the children during the winter months. The following is a list of these lectures with the attendances :—

1913.	ATTENDANCE.
Tuesday, Oct. 7th—"Pictures of St. Helena," by Mr. J. T. Cunningham, M.A., F.Z.S.	198
Thursday, Oct. 23rd—"A Visit to the Royal Mint," by Mr. George R. Bolton	212
Thursday, Nov. 6th—"Normandy," by Mme. M. Grisel	167
Thursday, Nov. 20th—"Livingstone," by Mr. J. H. Greenwood	227
Thursday, Dec. 4th—"Peeps through a Microscope," by Mr. A. J. Bride	146
Thursday, Dec. 18th—"Westminster Abbey," by Rev. B. F. Relton	228
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Thursday, Jan. 15th—"Chemical Experiments," by Mr. C. W. Hale, A.K.C.	104
Thursday, Jan. 22nd—"The Thames Seagulls," by Mr. J. Stubbs	120

Thursday, Feb. 6th—“A Talk about Charles Dickens,” by Mr. J. Roffey	198
Thursday, Feb. 19th—“A Visit to Greece and Constanti- nople,” by Mr. C. J. Purnell, M.A.	226
Thursday, March 5th—“Paris,” by Mr. A. Weiner, M.A.	109
Thursday, March 19th—“London in the Olden Times,” by Miss Anna L. Littleboy	239

The Committee has conveyed its thanks to the lecturers for their kind services, and to Mr. T. G. Cooling, of Chelsea, for his regular and willing help as honorary lanternist.

CHELSEA COLLECTION.

Some interesting additions to this collection were made during the year. From the Chelsea Commemoration Fund were purchased three plasters of sculptures by the late Thomas Woolner, R.A., consisting of a statuette of Sir Thomas More and a bust and medallion of Thomas Carlyle. An oil painting of old houses in Cheyne Walk by William E. Fox, and twenty-seven photographs of interesting old Chelsea houses, including interiors, by Mr. H. W. Fincham, were also purchased from this special fund. The Hon. Mrs. Conrad Dillon presented a collection of papers prepared in 1878 in opposition to the running of a tramway along Cheyne Walk and Queen's Road, including a petition signed by Lord Cadogan, Dante G. Rossetti, William Bell Scott, Lord Wentworth, Alaric A. Watts, Sir Percy Shelley, Lord Gilbert Kennedy, Wickham Flower, A. B. Mitford (Lord Redesdale), Charles Keene, Caroline E. Stephen, W. S. W. Vaux, and other important residents.

Mr. Reginald Blunt has added to his former loans a copy of Mary Astell's “A serious proposal to the ladies for the advancement of their true and greatest interest, by a Lover of her sex,” 2nd ed., corrected, 1695. An account of Mary Astell, the seventeenth century pioneer of women's rights, will be found in Mr. Blunt's new book, “In Cheyne Walk and thereabout.” Mr. Blunt has also lent a letter from Sir F. Seymour Haden, the surgeon and celebrated etcher, addressed to the Rev. Gerald Blunt, Rector of Chelsea, containing some

interesting local notes. Sir Seymour Haden says, among other things: "Jane Austen lived in Hans Place and was a great admirer of my father, who was a remarkable man and the introducer of the stethoscope into England. L. E. L. lived in Hans Place, so, I think, did Walter Savage Landor. Lord North, Lord Liverpool, and Canning all lived in Hans Place. . . . I remember when there was a duck gun in nearly every riverside house west of Cheyne Walk." The letter is dated January 3rd, 1889, and in signing the writer adds: "late of 62, Sloane Street, where father and son lived for 65 years." Other items included in Mr. Blunt's loan are a letter of Smollett, from Bath in 1768; a Chelsea squib of 1835 containing a note by Thomas Faulkner, the Chelsea topographer, showing his relationship to Charles Cotton, the poet; a copy of the "Mercurius Domesticus," of December 19th, 1679, containing a paragraph on Madam Ellin Gwyn ("Nell Gwyn"); and an early engraved ticket of admission to the Chelsea Physic Garden.

DONORS OF BOOKS.

The following is a list of persons and institutions from whom gifts of books and pamphlets were received during the year:—

Central Association of Accountants; Mr. G. R. Agassiz; Commonwealth of Australia; Sir R. Gooch Baggorre; Balkan Committee; Miss Bateman; Mrs. R. Blake; Mr. H. Bonnaire; Bradford City Corporation; British Museum Trustees; Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences; Field-Marshal Sir Charles H. Brownlow, G.C.B.; Mr. Noel Buxton, M.P.; Canadian Government; Mrs. G. T. Carré; Messrs. Carson and Comerford, Ltd.; Messrs. Cassell & Co., Ltd.; Central (Unemployed) Body for London; Messrs. C. Chenil & Co., Ltd.; Messrs. J. & A. Churchill; City and Guilds of London Institute; City (of London) Corporation; Miss Coleridge; Mr. W. Percival Cook; Messrs. Cooper & Budd, Ltd.; Co-operative Union, Ltd.; Co-operative Wholesale Society; Rt. Hon. Lord Courtney of Penwith; Mr. Oswald Craske; Miss Crowdy; Miss A. M. Cust; Mr. C. T. Davies;

Hon. Mrs. Conrad Dillon ; Mr. Frederick Dixon ; Miss E. Thornton Down ; Mr. Francis Druce ; His Excellency Don Augustin Edwards (Chilian Minister) ; Mrs. Godfrey Evans ; Mr. J. J. Faragher, B.A. ; Mr. W. G. Tinckem-Fernandez ; Miss Fisher ; Mr. Lionel de Fonseka ; Food and Cookery Publishing Co. ; Mr. Wm. D. Foulke ; Mr. J. E. Gannon ; Miss B. C. Gibbs ; Mr. J. Y. Gibson ; Mr. F. B. Greeno ; Mr. G. Pederzani von Gumer ; Miss S. E. Hall ; Hamilton (Ontario) City Council ; Hammersmith Borough Council ; Harvard College Museum, U.S.A. ; Mrs. Hawker ; Miss Caroline Haynes ; Messrs. E. T. Heron & Co. ; Miss Agnes Hills ; Mr. Daniel Hipwell ; H.M. Stationery Office ; Mr. S. J. G. Hoare, M.P. ; Mr. E. J. Horniman, J.P. ; Rev. J. Clare Hudson ; Hull City Corporation ; Mr. Henri L. Joly ; Miss Keeley ; Kennel Club ; Sir E. Durning Lawrence, Bart. ; Messrs. C. & E. Layton ; Librarian of Congress, Washington, U.S.A. ; London College of Music ; London County Council ; Hon. Gertrude Lubbock ; Messrs. Marconi's Wireless Telegraph Co., Ltd. ; Messrs. Marion & Co., Ltd. ; International Federation of Master Cotton Spinners' and Manufacturers' Association ; Metropolitan Asylums Board ; Miss Isabel Murray ; National Committee for the Prevention of Destitution ; National Union of Teachers ; New South Wales Government ; New Zealand Government ; Mrs. J. L. Nicholson ; Mrs. Oliver ; Mrs. Dillwyn Parrish ; Miss M. A. L. Parry ; Messrs. J. & J. Paton ; Messrs. Kegan Paul, Trench, Trübner & Co., Ltd. ; Pennsylvania University ; Miss I. M. Phibbs ; Reading Town Council ; Messrs. Grant Richards, Ltd. ; Rosaville Press ; Royal Colonial Institute ; Royal National Life-Boat Institution ; Royal National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children ; Mr. J. S. Rubinstein ; St. Anselm's Society ; Mr. Frank Sanguinetti ; Mr. Wellen Smith ; Mr. M. Sopote ; South-Western Polytechnic Institute ; Mde. L. Soyez-le-Roy ("Tib") ; Mrs. James Stuart ; Messrs. Sutton & Sons ; Tariff Commission ; Mrs. Helen B. Taylor ; Mr. A. W. Tillett ; Tonic Sol-fa College ; Trinity College of Music, London ; Union of Institutions, Societies, and Agencies for the Blind ; U.S. Bureau of Education ; University

Graduates' Association ; University of London ; University Tutorial Press, Ltd. ; Sir W. Wedderburn, Bart. ; Miss Hannah C. Wheeler ; Capt. Geoffrey Wilkinson ; Mr. Wm. Willett ; Mr. J. C. Williams ; Women's Industrial Council ; Major W. Fountain Woods, J.P. ; Workmen's Club and Institute Union, Ltd.

NEWSPAPERS, &c., PRESENTED.

The following newspapers, periodicals, &c., were presented as issued by the respective publishers or proprietors :—

Accountant, Acetylene Lighting and Welding Journal, Agricultural Economist, Amateur Photographer, Anglo-Russian, Animal World, Animals' Friend, Animals' Guardian, Anti-Slavery Reporter, Anti-Suffrage Review, Anti-Vivisection Review, Arbitrator, Architect, Associated Accountants' Journal, Australasian World, Band of Mercy, Bird Notes and News, Bournemouth Visitors' Directory, Britain's Opium-Harvest, British Architect, British Columbia Magazine, Broad Arrow, Buddhist Review, Canadian, Canadian Mail, Charity Organisation Review, Charity Record, Chelsea Parish Magazine, Christian, Christian Globe, Church Family Newspaper, Church Gazette, Civil Service Aspirant, Civil Service Candidate, Civil Service Hints, Civil Service Weekly, Clerk, Clerks of Works' Association Journal, Commercial Education, Concord, Conservative and Unionist, Conservative and Unionist Women's Franchise Review, Contractor's Record, Contractor's Trade Journal, Cook's Excursionist, Covenant People, Cowkeeper and Dairyman's Journal, Cyclists' Touring Club Gazette, Dalton's Weekly, Decorator, Educational Record, Educational Times, Epicure, Estates Gazette, Ferro-Concrete, Food and Cookery, Free Russia, Free Sunday Advocate, Free Trader, Friendly Leaves, Friendly Work, Fulham Chronicle, Great Western Railway Magazine, Health Record, Herald of Health, Herald of the Cross, Herald of the Golden Age, Home, Humanitarian, Incorporated Accountants' Journal, India, Indian Magazine, Insurance Agent, Insurance Record, International Theosophical Chronicle, Irish Independent, Jewish Missionary Intelligence, Journal of Decorative Art, Kensington News, Land Values, Liberal Monthly, Liberator, Licensing World, Lifeboat, Literary Guide, Local Government Chronicle, Local Government Journal, London and Suburban Builder, London Crusader, London County Council Gazette, L.C.C. Workmen's Trains, &c., Guide, London Observer, London Program, London Temperance Times, Londoner Zeitung, Lord's Day, Machinery Market, Manual Training, Maritime Review, Mechanical World, Middlesex County Times, Monthly Notes on Tariff Reform, Morley College Magazine, Motor Traction, Musical Herald, Natal Mercury, New Church Magazine, Oddfellow's Magazine, Our Flag, Our Waifs and Strays, Parents' Review, Patents Journal, Peacemaker, Philanthropist, Pioneer of Wisdom, Pitman's Journal, Plumber and Decorator, Plumbing Trades Journal, Poor Law Officers' Journal, Positivist Review, Practical Engineer, Printers' Register, Railway Review, Representation, Return of Deaths of Seamen, Rural World, Sales

and Wants, Secondary Education, Secretary, Socialist Standard, State Correspondent, Sunday Guardian, Temperance Chronicle, Theosophical Path, Theosophical Quarterly, Timber Trades Journal, Trade Protection Journal, Travel, United Empire, University Correspondent, Vaccination Inquirer, Vegetarian Messenger, Vulcan, War and Peace, What's On, Wheatsheaf, Women's Industrial News, World Travel Gazette, Zoophilist.

Besides the above, the following persons and institutions presented the periodicals named :—

Mr. E. Chambers: Bible in the World, Bible Society Gleanings. Chelsea Temperance Society: Alliance News. Miss E. T. Down: Journal of the Royal Horticultural Society. Mrs. Elizabeth Ellis: The English Churchman. First Church of Christ, Scientist, Chelsea: Christian Science Journal, Christian Science Sentinel. Lady Scott-Moncrieff: The Common Cause. Mrs. L. Moon: St. Andrews, Chelsea, Parish Magazine. Society of Engineers (Incorporated): Journal and Transactions. Unionist Associations of Ireland Joint Committee: Belfast Weekly News. Mr. F. J. Welch, J.P., Mayor of Chelsea: London Teacher. Women's Branch of the Chelsea Tariff Reform League: Empire Illustrated. Women's Social and Political Union: Votes for Women.

The Chelsea Borough Council and the London County Council have sent their Minutes of Proceedings as issued, and the railway companies supplied their time-tables. Annual reports and catalogues have been received from a number of Public Libraries.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

TABLE 1, SHOWING THE NUMBER OF VOLUMES ISSUED,
WITH THEIR CLASSIFICATION.

CLASS.	WEEK DAYS. Days open—282½.		SUNDAYS. Days Open—30*.	
	Total vols. issued.	Daily average.	Total vols. issued.	Daily average.
Philosophy.....	536	2	19	1
Religion	2414	8	75	2
Sociology	6099	22	140	5
Language	6617	23	247	8
Science	4449	16	141	5
Useful Arts	4106	15	126	4
Fine Arts	7697	27	379	13
Literature (Poetry, Drama, Essays)	7856	28	311	10
History, Biography, Travels	21756	77	651	22
Miscellaneous (Encyclopædias, &c.)	11346	40	316	10
 TOTAL.....	72996	258	2405	80

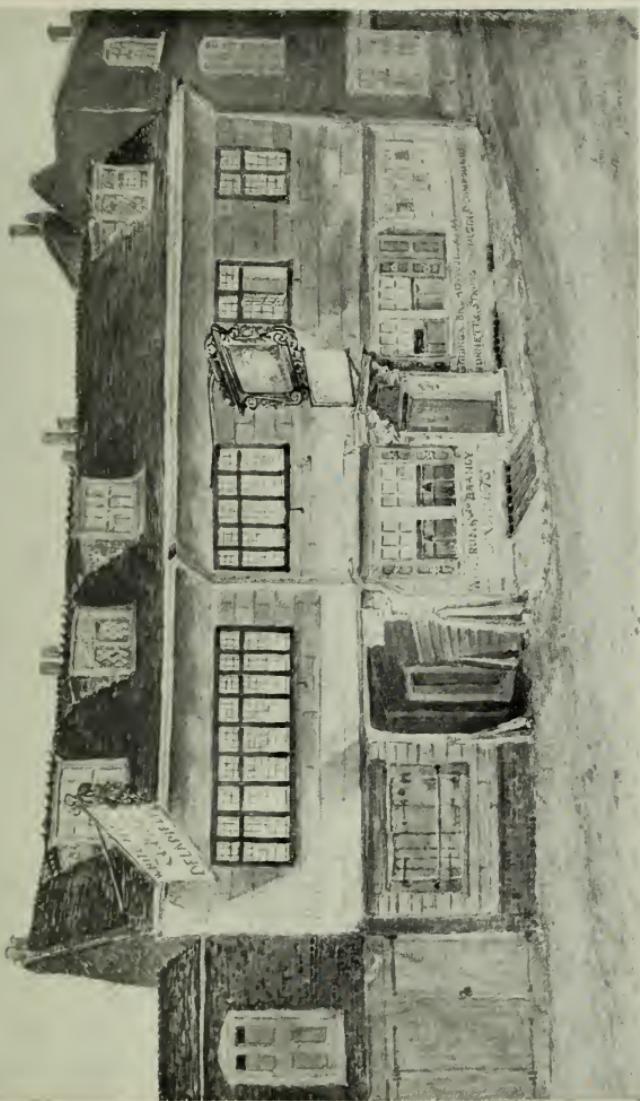
* Closed May—September inclusive.

LENDING DEPARTMENT.

TABLE 2, SHOWING THE NUMBER OF VOLUMES ISSUED,
WITH THEIR CLASSIFICATION.

CLASS.	Days open—282½.	
	Total volumes issued.	Daily average.
Philosophy	1162	4
Religion	1609	6
Sociology	2081	7
Language	409	2
Science	2701	9
Useful Arts	2431	8
Fine Arts	6133	22
Literature (Poetry, Drama, Essays)	8693	31
History, Biography, Travels.....	16617	59
Books for Children	20906	74
Prose Fiction	82129	291
Miscellaneous (Magazines, &c.) ..	817	3
 TOTAL.....	145688	516

Number of Borrowers' Tickets in force—7148.



THE "WHITE HORSE" TAVERN, CHURCH LANE, BURNT DOWN, 1840.
From a Water-colour Drawing of about 1826 in the Queen Victoria Gallery.

CHILDREN'S ROOMS.

TABLE 3, SHOWING THE NUMBER OF VOLUMES ISSUED,
WITH THEIR CLASSIFICATION.

CLASS.	WEEK DAYS. Open 305 evenings.	SUNDAYS. Open 52 evenings.	Total volumes issued.
	Volumes issued.	Volumes issued.	
Philosophy	129	22	151
Religion	28	18	46
Sociology	1440	172	1612
Language	86	1	87
Science	1299	430	1729
Useful Arts	98	28	126
Fine Arts	521	207	728
Literature (Poetry, Drama, Essays) ..	2147	625	2772
History, Biography, Travels	3746	1021	4767
Stories	18544	3427	16971
Magazines and Periodicals (in vols.)	10129	2506	12635
 TOTAL	 33167	 8457	 41624

Total attendances for the year—28687.

READING ROOMS.

TABLE 4, SHOWING THE NUMBER OF PERSONS ENTERING
THE ROOMS ON THE DAYS NAMED.

1913.

Saturday, April 19th	(9 a.m. to 10 p.m.)	..	..	1285
Monday, May 26th	( " " )	..	..	996
Tuesday, June 17th	( " " )	..	..	953
Wednesday, July 23rd	(9 a.m. to 2 p.m., 5 to 10 p.m.)			1195
Thursday, August 21st	(9 a.m. to 10 p.m.)	..	..	1028
Friday, September 26th	( " " )	..	..	1267
Saturday, October 18th	( " " )	..	..	1058
Monday, November 27th	( " " )	..	..	1372
Tuesday, December 16th	( " " )	..	..	1222

1914.

Wednesday, January 21st	(9 a.m. to 2 p.m., 5 to 10 p.m.)			1193
Thursday, February 12th	(9 a.m. to 10 p.m.)	..	..	1420
Friday, March 6th	( " " )	..	..	1424

1913. BANK HOLIDAYS.

Whit Monday, May 12th	(9 a.m. to 1 p.m.)	..	130
First Monday in August, August 4th	(" ")	..	126
Boxing Day, December 26th	(" ")	..	55

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE.

The Reading Rooms were open on 52 Sundays, the total attendance being 17298, giving an average of 333 per Sunday (Oct.—June, 3 to 9 p.m., July—Sept., 6 to 9 p.m.).

TABLE 5, SHOWING THE CLASSIFICATION AND NUMBER OF VOLUMES ISSUED IN ALL DEPARTMENTS.

CLASS.	Reference Library.	Lending Library.	Children's Rooms.	Total.	Per cent.
Philosophy	555	1162	151	1868	0·71
Religion	2519	1609	46	4174	1·59
Sociology	6239	2081	1612	9932	3·78
Language	6894	409	87	7390	2·81
Science	4590	2701	1729	9020	3·43
Useful Arts	4292	2431	126	6849	2·61
Fine Arts	8076	6133	728	14937	5·69
Literature (Poetry, Drama, Essays)	8167	8693	2772	19632	7·47
History, Biography, Travels	22407	16617	4767	43791	16·67
Stories for Children	—	20906	16971	37877	14·42
Prose Fiction	—	82129	—	82129	31·26
Miscellaneous (Magazines, Encyclopædias, &c.) ..	11662	817	12635	25114	9·56
TOTAL.....	75401	145688	41624	262713	100·00

TABLE 6, SHOWING THE TOTAL ANNUAL ISSUE OF VOLUMES SINCE THE OPENING OF THE LIBRARY.

Jan. 23rd—May, 1891	..	..	..	45,905
1891-92	..	..	..	157,693
1892-93	..	..	..	168,623
1893-94	..	..	..	179,456
1894-95	..	..	..	180,016
1895-96	..	..	..	170,834
1896-97	..	..	..	171,298
1897-98	..	..	..	168,853
1898-99	..	..	..	171,585
1899-1900	..	..	..	170,522
1900-1 (June 1st—March 31st)	..	..	..	159,992
1901-2	..	..	..	184,656
1902-3	..	..	..	211,611
1903-4	..	..	..	216,590
1904-5	..	..	..	198,257
1905-6	..	..	..	208,188
1906-7	..	..	..	223,079
1907-8	..	..	..	226,836
1908-9	..	..	..	239,950
1909-10	..	..	..	250,549
1910-11	..	..	..	234,899
1911-12	..	..	..	232,427
1912-13	..	..	..	234,856
1913-14	..	..	..	262,713
TOTAL	..	..	..	4,669,288

TABLE 7, SHOWING THE CLASSIFICATION OF THE STOCK OF BOOKS BY DEPARTMENTS.

CLASS.	Reference	Lending.	Children's Rooms.	Total volumes in Library, 31st Mar., 1914.	Per cent.
Philosophy	291	872	6	1169	1.83
Religion	1413	2101	29	3543	5.53
Sociology	2896	2375	12	5283	8.25
Language	284	336	19	639	1.00
Science	1908	1874	97	3879	6.05
Useful Arts	1842	1385	21	3248	5.07
Fine Arts	2603	2027	9	4639	7.24
Literature (Poetry, Drama, Essays) ..	2194	3771	87	6052	9.45
History, Biography, Travels	9557	10176	178	19911	31.08
Stories for Children ..	—	2696	601	3297	5.14
Prose Fiction	—	7764	—	7764	12.12
Miscellaneous (Ency- clopædias, Maga- zines, &c.)	3642	842	154	4638	7.24
TOTAL	26630	36219	1213	64062	100.00

FINANCIAL

Sums received and expended

	RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance from 1912-13	553	10	10
From Rates (allocated to Public Libraries Account)				3675	7	2
Fines and Penalties	89	9	8
Other Receipts ;—							
Sale of Catalogues	12	4	2
Sale of Tickets	4	0	10
Sale of Waste Paper, &c.	7	19	5
Bank Interest	18	5	4
					—	—	—
					42	9	9



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CHELSEA COMMEMORA
(including Bequest of Mrs.

	£	s.	d.
Balance from 1912-13
Bank Interest
	—	—	—
	£106	12	1

STATEMENT.

under the Public Libraries Acts.

	EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Buildings, Repairs and Maintenance :—							
Building and furniture repairs and improvements	173	4	10			
Cleaning, fuel and lighting	182	5	10 $\frac{1}{2}$			
Rates and taxes, insurance	74	15	2			
					430	5	10 $\frac{1}{2}$
Books, Newspapers, &c.	789	3	2			
Bookbinding and Repairs	81	19	7			
Printing Catalogues	74	11	5			
					945	14	2
Salaries of Officers and Assistants					1454	0 1
Establishment Charges, viz. :—							
Stationery and printing	42	13	8			
Carriage, postages, &c.	18	14	10 $\frac{1}{2}$			
Uniform clothing	9	3	0			
					70	11	6 $\frac{1}{2}$
Annual Payment to Paddington Borough Council under Financial Adjustment Scheme					300	0 0
Repayment on Loans and Interest on Loans :—							
Principal repaid :—							
To the London County Council	458	9	8			
Interest, including Income Tax :—							
To the London County Council	121	11	4			
					580	1	0
Total Expenditure					3780	12 8
Balance at the end of the year					585	4 9
						£4365	17 5

TION (1887-1897) FUND.

(Henrietta Yates, £100).

	£	s.	d.
Purchase of Chelsea Pictures
Balance

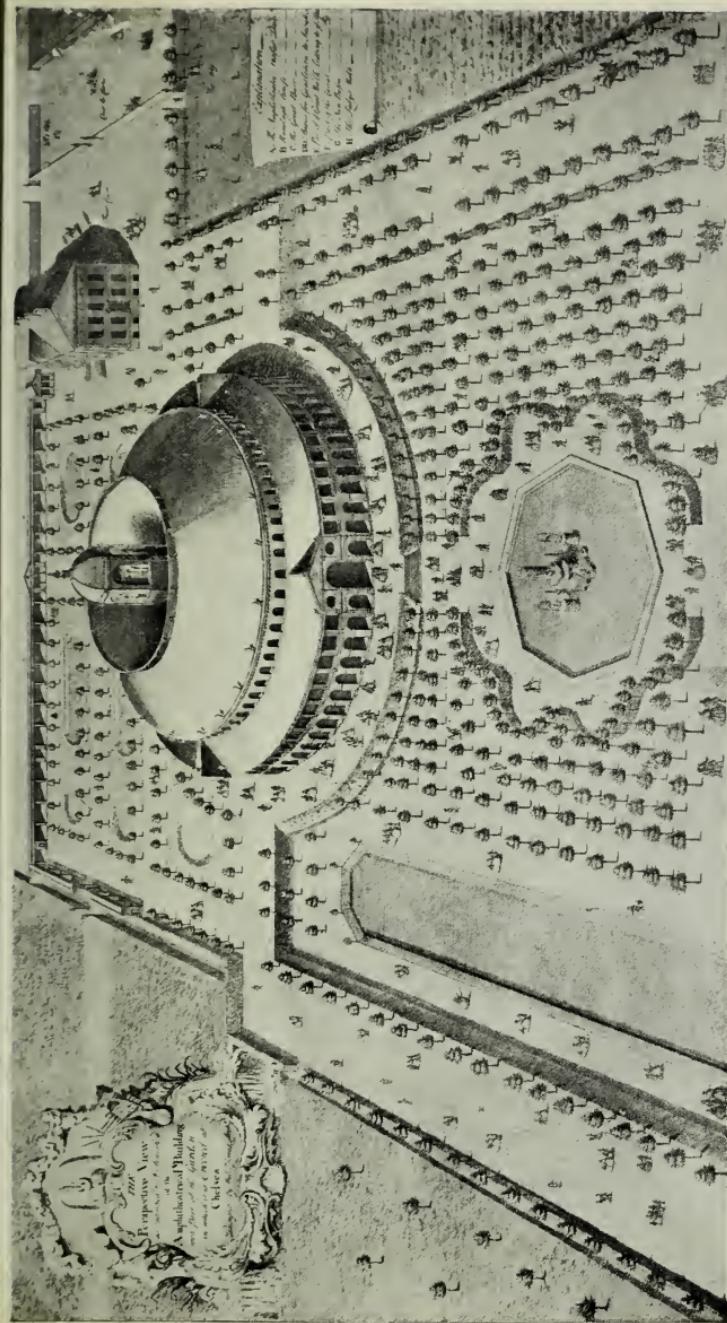
J. HENRY QUINN,

Clerk to the Public Libraries Committee.

(This statement, when audited, will be embodied in the "Abstract of the Treasurer's Accounts," 1913-14).

Memoranda.

Population of the Borough of Chelsea, Census 1911	...	...	...	66,404
Area of the Borough	...	...	...	659.6 acres
Rateable Value of the Borough	..	..	..	£922,249
Public Libraries Acts adopted	...	...	..	May, 1887
First Commissioners for Public Libraries appointed	...	...	...	June, 1887
Temporary Library opened in Town Hall	...	..	..	Nov., 1887
Librarian appointed	...	...	...	Nov., 1887
The Earl Cadogan, K.G., gave the free- hold site for the Library and £350 for the purchase of technical books	...	..	..	Feb., 1888
Charity Commissioners received Deputa- tion organised by the Chelsea Libra- ries Commissioners asking for the establishment of the South-Western Polytechnic, 30th April, 1888, and agreed to the establishment of the Polytechnic	...	...	...	10th May, 1888
The late Rt. Hon. Sir Charles W. Dilke, Bart., M.P., gave £500 for the purchase of books	...	...	...	May, 1888
Memorial Stone of the Library laid by the late Countess Cadogan	...	...	..	8th Feb., 1890
Library opened by the Earl Cadogan, K.G.	..	..	..	21st Jan., 1891
Queen Victoria Gallery of Chelsea Prints and Drawings opened	...	...	..	4th Dec., 1899
Public Libraries Commissioners' duties transferred to the Boroughs of Chel- sea and Paddington, and the Kensal Town Branch Library transferred to Paddington	...	...	...	1st April, 1901
Bequest by Mrs. Henrietta Yates, of Penhurst, of £100 and art objects	...	..	..	Sept., 1904
Number of Volumes in the Library	...	..	..	64,062
Number of Volumes issued 1913-14	...	..	..	262,713
Total number issued since opening	...	..	..	4,669,288



THE ROTUNDA, RANELAGH GARDENS, CHELSEA.
From an Engraving by F. M. La Gave, 1742, in the Queen Victoria Gallery.

Gifts of Books, Prints, or Works of Art
will be received or sent for by the Librarian,
Public Library, Manresa Road, S.W.

Bequests to be made to the Council of
the Metropolitan Borough of Chelsea for
the purposes of the Public Libraries and
Museums.